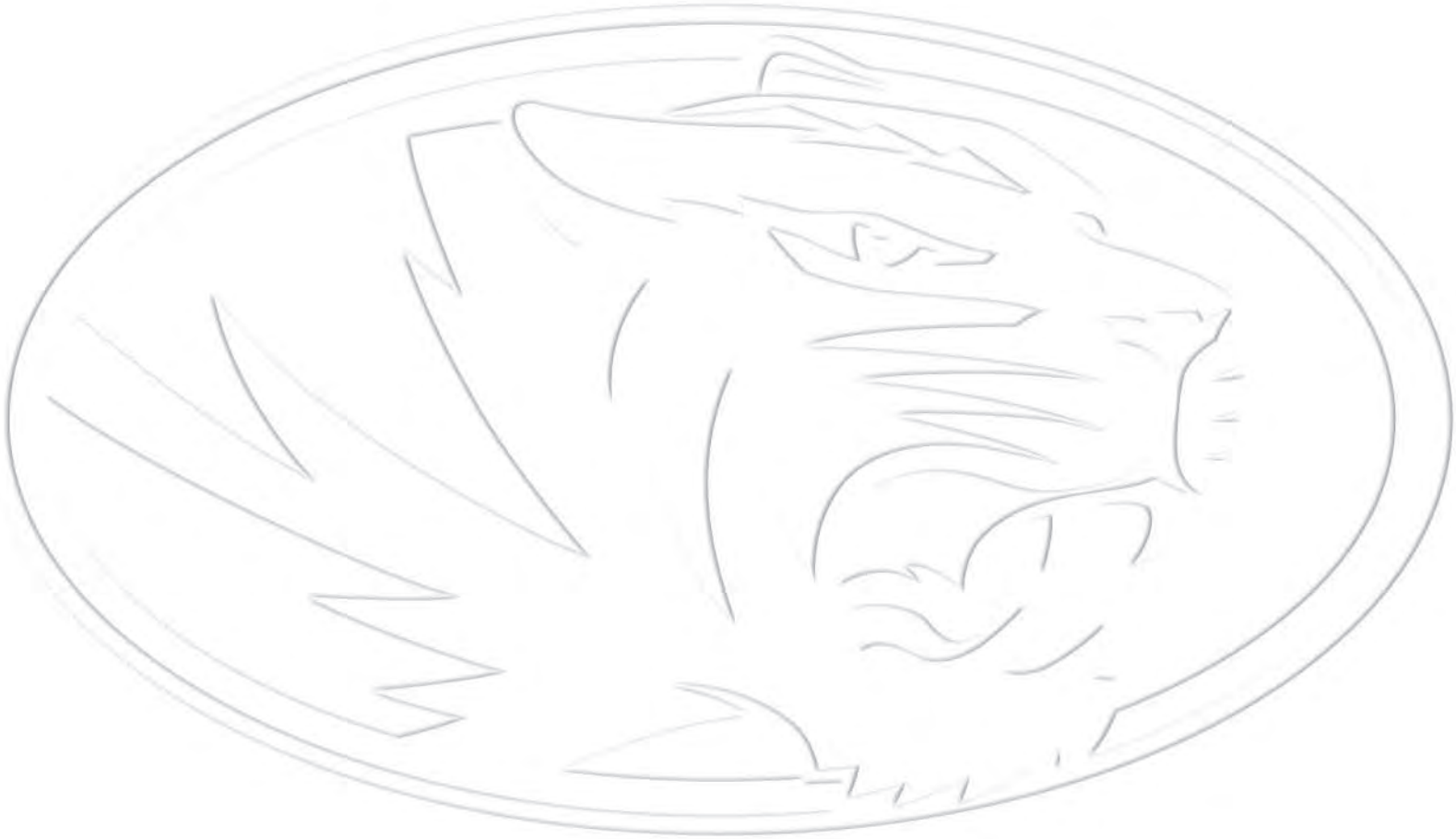

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» **NCAA Most Wins, 2007-08**
1. USC – 23
2. Oklahoma – 23
**3. MIZZOU – 22**

» **All 23 Seniors in 2008 Graduated**

» **Four Consensus 1st Team All-Americans - 2007 & 2008**

» **Two NFL 1st Round Draft Picks in 2009 - Most in Nation**

» **Six NFL Draft Picks in 2009 - Most in the Big 12**

» **Back-to-Back Big 12 North Division Titles**

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## :: 2009 MIZZOU FOOTBALL HONORS

**» Tim Barnes, OL (So.)**
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

**» Jaron Baston, DL (Jr.)**
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

**» Will Ebner, LB (So.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Linebacker

**» Michael Egnew, TE (So.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Tight End

**» Elvis Fisher, OL (Fr.)**
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)

**» Blaine Gabbert, QB (So.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Quarterback

**» Carl Gettis, DB (So.)**
Pre-Season 4th-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

**» Kurtis Gregory, OL (Jr.)**
Pre-Season 4th-Team All-American (Phil Steele)
Pre-Season Hon. Men. All-American (Nationalchamps.net)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Yahoo! Sports)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Nationalchamps.net)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)

**» Jarrell Harrison, S (Jr.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Safety

**» Dan Hoch, OL (So.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Offensive Lineman

**» Wes Kemp, WR (So.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Wide Receiver

**» Tanner Mills, PK (Sr.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Special Forces

**» De'Vion Moore, TB (So.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Tailback

**» Jared Perry, WR (Sr.)**
Pre-Season 3rd-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)

**» Kevin Rutland, DB (Jr.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Cornerback

**» Jacquies Smith, DL (So.)**
Spring 2009 Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman

**» Derrick Washington, TB (So.)**
Pre-Season Hon. Men. All-American (Nationalchamps.net)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Yahoo! Sports)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Nationalchamps.net)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)
#22 Running Back in the country (Lindy's)

**» Sean Weatherspoon, LB (Jr.)**
Lott Trophy Candidate
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-American (Athlon)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-American (Phil Steele)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-American (Nationalchamps.net)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-American (Lindy's)
Pre-Season 2nd-Team All-American (Yahoo! Sports)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Athlon)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Lindy's)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Yahoo! Sports)
Pre-Season 1st-Team All-Big 12 (Nationalchamps.net)
#2 Outside Linebacker in the country (Lindy's)

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## 2009 SQUAD BREAKDOWN

| | |
|---|---|
| **OVERALL** | |
| Starters Returning | 10 |
| Starters Lost | 14 |
| Lettermen Returning | 34 |
| Lettermen Lost | 20 |
| **OFFENSE** | |
| Starters Returning | 5 |
| Starters Lost | 6 |
| Lettermen Returning | 15 |
| Lettermen Lost | 9 |
| **DEFENSE** | |
| Starters Returning | 4 |
| Starters Lost | 7 |
| Lettermen Returning | 18 |
| Lettermen Lost | 10 |
| **SPECIALISTS** | |
| Starters Returning | 1 |
| Starters Lost | 1 |
| Lettermen Returning | 1 |
| Lettermen Lost | 1 |

## » UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI QUICK FACTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Location | Columbia, Mo. |
| Founded | 1839 |
| Enrollment | 30,200 (Fall 2008) |
| Nickname | Tigers |
| Colors | Old Gold & Black |
| Chancellor | Dr. Brady J. Deaton |
| Athletic Director | Mike Alden |
| Website | www.mutigers.com |

## » FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Head Coach | Gary Pinkel |
| Alma Mater | Kent State '75 |
| Record at MU (Yrs.) | 59-41 (8) |
| Overall Record | 132-78-3 (18) |
| Home Field | Faurot Field/ Memorial Stadium |
| Capacity | 71,004 |
| Surface | FieldTurf |
| Affiliation | NCAA Division I |
| Conference | Big 12 (North) |
| Football Phone | (573) 882-2214 |
| Press Box Phone | (573) 882-7311 |

## » TICKET INFORMATION

**Season Ticket Prices**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 Season Tickets (General Public) | $280 |
| Faculty/Staff | $225 |
| Family Fun Plan | $460 |
| Tiger Zone | $199 |
| Young Alumni | $168 |

| **Single-Game Ticket Prices** | | **Reserved** |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. 12 | vs. Bowling Green | $44 |
| Sept. 19 | vs. Furman | $39 |
| Oct. 8 | vs. Nebraska | $75 |
| Oct. 24 | vs. Texas (Homecoming) | $69 |
| Nov. 7 | vs. Baylor | $52 |
| Nov. 21 | vs. Iowa State | $52 |

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# GAME DAY

Mizzou fans plan their social calendar around Tiger Football games in the fall, and that passion shows through, giving MU one of the best game-day atmospheres in the nation!

A brand new state-of-the-art High-Definition video board will debut at Memorial Stadium in 2009. The board measures three stories high and 80-feet wide, and will give Mizzou one of the top display boards in the nation.

Mizzou sold a record 41,000-plus season tickets in 2008, and averaged 64,520 fans in its six home games. That marked the largest average crowd at MU home games since 1980!

Due to growing interest by Mizzou's rabid student fan base, student seating has been increased, which has bumped the capacity for Tiger home games to 71,004 in 2009.

# GAME DAY

Mizzou ranked 26th nationally in average home attendance in 2008, and was fifth-best in the Big 12, trailing only Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas A&M, all who have larger capacities.

The pageantry and excitement surrounding Mizzou Football is unmatched, and Tiger fans are known as some of the heartiest tailgaters in the nation.

National television has a regular presence at Tiger home football games. MU home games have been shown on national broadcasts eight times in the past two seasons.

The Tiger Walk is one of Mizzou's growing traditions, where fans, the band and spirit groups lead the Tigers into Memorial Stadium when the team arrives for the game.

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# THE 'ZOU

The emotion of Tiger Football reaches its height when the Tigers storm the field through a cloud of smoke to a sold-out stadium.

Mizzou has enjoyed the largest attendance increase in the Big 12 under Gary Pinkel's watch, including an average of 64,520 in 2008, the highest per-game average at MU since 1980.

Memorial Stadium/Faurot Field was named the best gameday stadium in the Big 12 Conference by the Sporting News.

# THE 'ZOU

No Big 12 North stadium has supplied a better home field advantage over the last six seasons than The 'Zou. Missouri is 31-7 over the past six seasons at home, and 18-2 over the last three years.

Mizzou features one of the nation's most explosive offensive attacks that draws fans to The 'Zou in record numbers.

The Tigers play an exciting attack-style of defense that keeps fans and opponents on their toes.

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# MIZZOU FOOTBALL TRADITION

**RYAN SCHLEUSNER**
Senior Offensive Lineman

Mizzou Football has established itself as the top program in the Big 12 North the past two years, with consecutive North Division championships in 2007 and 2008.

Mizzou has also been one of the nation's most successful programs in recent years. The Tigers' 22 wins in 2007 and 2008 have been surpassed by only two schools in the country – USC and Oklahoma (23 each).

Dating back to the last three seasons, Mizzou's 30 wins ranks 10th-best in the nation.

Legendary Tiger coaches Dan Devine and Don Faurot are both enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame.

Mizzou has 13 former players and coaches who have been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Mizzou achieved the No. 1 national ranking in both the Associated Press and Bowl Championship Series polls in 2007.

Legend states that the tradition of Homecoming got its start at Missouri in 1911.

In the decade of the 1960s, Mizzou went 77-22-6 and was the only school in the nation to not have more than three losses in any year during that span.

# BOWL GAMES

Mizzou Football players expect to play in bowl games. The Tigers have earned bowl bids four straight years and five of the last six years overall, which is tops during that period in the Big 12 North Division.

The Tigers have won three bowl games since 2005, which is second-most during that time among all teams in the Big 12.

The Big 12 Conference has ties with eight bowl games, plus its yearly champion is guaranteed a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

Mizzou ranks among the nation's leaders with 26 bowl game appearances alltime.

Missouri's 26 bowl game appearances ranks as second-most alltime among Big 12 North schools.

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2008 ALAMO BOWL CHAMPS | 2008 COTTON BOWL CHAMPS | 2005 INDEPENDENCE BOWL CHAMPS

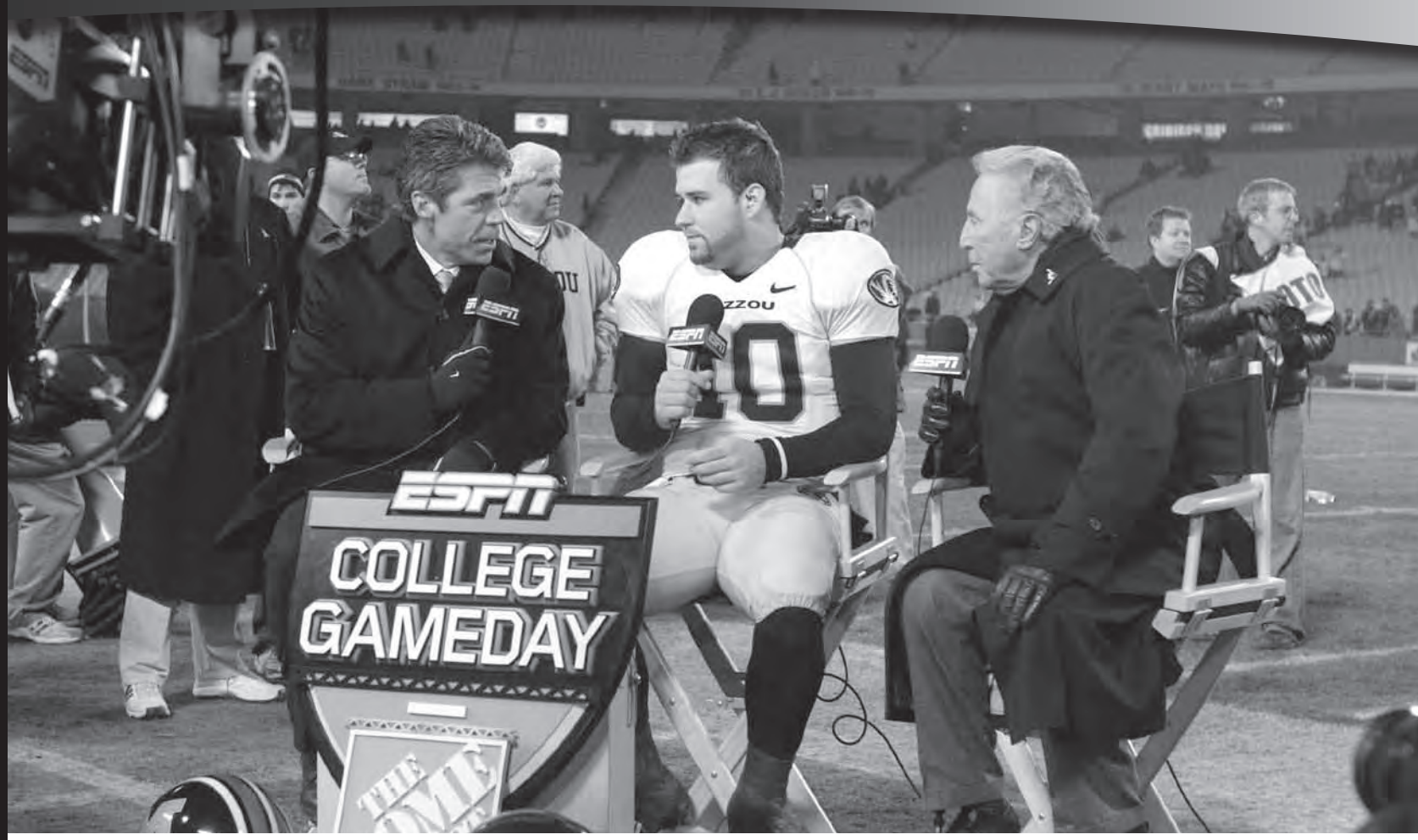
# NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Missouri was chosen as the feature school for ESPN's College Gameday three times in 2007, and its Gameday appearance in Kansas City that season was the most-viewed in the program's history to that point, with more than 2 million households tuning in.

Mizzou has clearly grabbed the national spotlight with its surge to the top of the Big 12 in recent years. The Tigers play on national television virtually every week, and are featured prominently in every major national television highlight show and other national magazine and newspaper publications that cover college football.

Mizzou's exposure definitely played a role in helping Chase Daniel finish fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 2007, as well as helping Chase Coffman win the 2008 John Mackey Award, which goes to the nation's top collegiate tight end.

A school-record 11 Mizzou games were televised last season, with games on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 and Fox Sports Net. An incredible 55 Tiger games have been shown on TV over the past six seasons.



*Mizzou's Chase Coffman won the 2008 John Mackey Award, which honors College Football's Outstanding Tight End each year.*

# NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

The exposure Mizzou has garnered recently has helped MU players receive consensus 1st-Team All-American honors four times in the last two years.

The national visibility has also led to eight Tiger players being taken in the last two NFL Drafts combined, including a Big 12-best six selections in 2009.

Mizzou's presence on national television means that Tiger players regularly have the opportunity to meet and visit with national media celebrities, such as college football icon Brent Musberger.

Missouri's Chase Daniel and Martin Rucker visited the NFL Primetime crew in Bristol, Conn., and met with Chris Berman, Mike Ditka, Keyshawn Johnson, Tom Jackson and Emmitt Smith.

Mizzou had its 2008 Black & Gold Spring Game televised live nationally on ESPNU.

# COACHING EXCELLENCE

**GARY PINKEL – Head Coach**
Has led Mizzou to 30 wins in the last three years and two straight Big 12 Conference North titles. Was the 2007 Big 12 and National Coach of the Year after leading Mizzou to a No. 1 national ranking in the Associated Press and Bowl Championship Series standings.

**DAVID YOST – Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks/ Recruiting Coordinator**
Has tutored QBs Brad Smith and Chase Daniel to record-setting heights in Mizzou's high-flying spread offensive attack. Daniel finished fourth in the 2007 Heisman Trophy balloting.

**DAVE STECKEL – Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers**
Has had two or more of his linebackers earn All-Big 12 Conference honors in six of the last eight seasons, and his star pupil, Sean Weatherspoon, is a pre-season 1st-Team All-American and national award candidate in 2009.

# COACHING EXCELLENCE

**BRUCE WALKER – Co-Offensive Line**
Assisted with the offensive line from 2001-08 while at the same time helping turn Mizzou into "Tight End U" with four straight years of tight ends earning All-American honors.

**BRIAN JONES – Tailbacks**
Has coached a 1,000-yard rusher four times in the last six seasons, and current junior Derrick Washington is among the most dynamic backfield threats in the nation heading into 2009.

**CRAIG KULIGOWSKI – Defensive Line**
Seven of his eight starters on the line have earned All-Big 12 honors over the last two seasons, and two of his standouts went in the 2009 NFL Draft, including 1st-rounder Ziggy Hood and 6th-rounder Stryker Sulak. Six of his players overall have been drafted by the NFL.

**ANDY HILL – Receivers**
Has consistently developed one of the nation's elite receiving corps, highlighted by 11 All-Big 12 performers, and two-time 1st-Team All-American Jeremy Maclin, who was a 1st-round NFL Draft pick in 2009 by the Philadelphia Eagles.

**CORNELL FORD – Cornerbacks**
Has had six players earn All-Big 12 honors under his direction, and junior Carl Gettis will be looking for his third straight season of all-conference honors in the Tiger secondary.

**BARRY ODOM – Safeties**
A former standout linebacker for Mizzou, Odom is in his first year with coaching duties on the Tiger staff, after spending the previous six years helping run the program from an administrative position. Had a very successful prep coaching record to his credit prior to joining the Mizzou staff in 2002.

**JOSH HENSON – Co-Offensive Line**
In his first year at Mizzou, the former All-Big 12 offensive lineman at Oklahoma State has been a successful coach and recruiting coordinator at his alma mater, and most recently at LSU, where he helped the Tigers to a recent national championship.

# ALL AMERICANS

Jeremy Maclin became the first-ever two-time 1st-Team All-American in Mizzou history when he won the honors in 2008 and 2009. Maclin was also a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award in 2009 and eventually was a 1st-round NFL Draft pick.

Paul Christman was one of the first stars of Mizzou Football, as he led the Tigers to national prominence for the first time ever in the golden ages of the game. He finished third in Heisman Trophy voting in 1939, when he won All-American honors.

The No. 4 overall selection in the 2001 NFL Draft, Justin Smith was an All-American defensive end for Mizzou in 2000. He's gone on to record 50.5 quarterback sacks in eight seasons in the pros.

Kellen Winslow not only earned All-American honors for the Tigers in 1978, but redefined the tight end position and earned a spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1995.

Martin Rucker became Mizzou's first All-American tight end since the great Kellen Winslow (1978) when he won 1st-Team honors in 2007.

# ALL AMERICANS

Chase Coffman was a consensus 1st-Team All-American in 2008 at tight end, giving the Tigers two straight years of 1st-Team All-Americans at the position. He also won the John Mackey Award in '08, making him the first Tiger in history to win a national individual position award, and his 247 career catches is the most ever by a tight end in NCAA Division IA history.

Johnny Roland was named the NFL's Rookie of the Year in 1966 after racking up more than 1,000 total yards.

Henry Marshall played 12 seasons for the Kansas City Chiefs and finished his career with 416 receptions and 33 touchdowns in the NFL.

## MIZZOU'S ALL-AMERICANS

1925 – Ed Lindenmeyer, T
1939 – Paul Christman, QB
1941 – Darold Jenkins, C
1942 – Bob Steuber, HB
1955 – Harold Burnine, E
1960 – Danny Larose, E
1961 – Ed Blaine, T
1962 – Conrad Hitchler, E
1965 – Johnny Roland, DB and Francis Peay, OT
1967 – Russ Washington, OT
1968 – Roger Wehrli, DB
1969 – Mike Carroll, OG
1973 – Scott Anderson, C and John Moseley, DB
1975 – Henry Marshall, WR
1976 – Morris Towns, OT
1978 – Kellen Winslow, TE
1980 – Bill Whitaker, DB
1981 – Brad Edelman, C and Jeff Gaylord, OT
1986 – John Clay, OT
1998 – Devin West, TB
1999 – Rob Riti, C
2000 – Justin Smith, DE
2007 – Martin Rucker, TE and Jeremy Maclin, AP
2008 – Chase Coffman, TE and Jeremy Maclin, AP

# TIGERS IN THE PROS

The NFL knows all about Mizzou Tiger football players. That notoriety led to Mizzou having a Big 12-best six players selected in the 2009 NFL Draft, which was more than all of the other Big 12 North schools combined!

Mizzou ranked 5th among all schools with its six 2009 draft picks, including two 1st-round selections in Jeremy Maclin (#19 to Philadelphia) and Ziggy Hood (#32 to Pittsburgh). Mizzou was one of only five schools with two 1st-round picks in 2009.

Sixteen Tigers in all have been drafted in the last eight years since Gary Pinkel and staff came to Mizzou – that's an average of two per year.

NFL scouts and key front office personnel are regular visitors to Tiger practices and games throughout the year, as Gary Pinkel and his staff welcome them into the program to gain exposure for Tiger players.

## MIZZOU'S 2009 NFL DRAFT

ROUND #1
#19 – Jeremy Maclin (WR), Philadelphia Eagles

ROUND #1
#32 – Ziggy Hood (DL), Pittsburgh Steelers

ROUND #2
#23 – William Moore (S), Atlanta Falcons

ROUND #3
#34 – Chase Coffman (TE), Cincinnati Bengals

ROUND #5
#3 – Colin Brown (OL), Kansas City Chiefs

ROUND #6
#26 – Stryker Sulak (DL), Oakland Raiders

More than 200 Tigers have gone on to play professionally following their collegiate career at Missouri.

# TIGERS IN THE PROS

Former Tiger great Justin Gage led the Tennessee Titans in receiving in both 2007 and 2008. His 651 receiving yards, 6 TDs and 19.1 average per catch were team bests in 2008, while he led the team in 2007 with 55 catches for 750 yards.

Tiger Coaches have also gone on to successful professional coaching careers, as Andy Reid, Vince Tobin, Dave McGinnis and Marty Mornhinweg have recently held head coaching jobs in the NFL.

In August of 2007, former Tiger All-American DB Roger Wehrli joined Michael Irvin, Thurman Thomas, Bruce Matthews and others as 2007 inductees into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Wehrli joined Kellen Winslow as one of two former Tigers in the Pro Hall of Fame.

**AS MANY AS 20 FORMER TIGERS HAVE BEEN ON NFL ROSTERS RECENTLY, INCLUDING:**

**ATLANTA FALCONS:** SS William Moore, LB Brock Christopher
**CAROLINA PANTHERS:** DT Lorenzo Williams
**CHICAGO BEARS:** QB Chase Patton, PK Jeff Wolfert
**CINCINNATI BENGALS:** TE Chase Coffman, S Justin Garrett
**CLEVELAND BROWNS:** DT C.J. Mosley, TE Martin Rucker
**DETROIT LIONS:** WR Tommy Saunders
**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS:** DT Atiyyah Ellison
**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS:** OL Colin Brown
**NEW YORK JETS:** WR Brad Smith
**OAKLAND RAIDERS:** DE/OLB Stryker Sulak, WR Will Franklin
**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES:** WR Jeremy Maclin
**PITTSBURGH STEELERS:** DL Ziggy Hood
**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS:** DE Justin Smith
**TENNESSEE TITANS:** WR Justin Gage
**WASHINGTON REDSKINS:** QB Chase Daniel

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# TIGERS FOR LIFE

The responsibility of being part of the Mizzou Football program goes well beyond the playing field. Each Tiger player and coach works hard to represent the program and the University in a first-class manner on and off the field, and a well-rounded experience helps make the time spent at Mizzou something that will benefit them for life.

Mizzou football players often make appearances in Columbia and surrounding communities, visiting the children's hospital, reading to elementary students, and spending time mentoring area youth as part of the team's Big Brother program.

Mizzou's football players have a strong voice in leadership as part of the larger student-athlete community at Mizzou. In 2009-10, senior offensive lineman Kurtis Gregory will serve as the President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, which works closely with athletic department leadership to represent the needs and concerns of Tiger student-athletes in all 20 sports.

The Tigers work very hard on the field, in the classroom and in the community, but they also know how to have fun. One unique thing they do each year involves a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, where the players and coaches team up to win hardcourt bragging rights.

# TIGERS FOR LIFE

Prior to the annual spring game, several Tigers take members of the local Boys and Girls Club onto the playing field at Faurot Field to participate in a morning full of fun games and drills.

The Tigers are heavily involved with the Central Missouri Food Bank, a charity which helps provide meals for the less fortunate, as well as beginning a special partnership in 2008 with the Dream Factory, which provides wishes and experiences to children and families dealing with chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

Through their work with the MU School of Business, former Tigers Chase Daniel and Dain Wise had the opportunity of a lifetime in the spring of 2008 when they met with billionaire businessman and philanthropist Warren Buffett while on a class trip to Omaha, Neb. The Investment Strategies of Warren Buffett is a financial class taught at Mizzou, and each year a select group makes the trip to visit with Buffett.

Tiger players regularly make special appearances at St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals games throughout the summers, including several times in recent years where Tigers have had the chance to throw out the opening pitch to a major league game.

# FACILITIES

**SEAN WEATHERSPOON**
Senior Linebacker

The Tiger Football program has enjoyed upgrades in every facet of their daily operations over the past decade, including a $16 million expansion to the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, which was completed in Spring 2007.

The new facility registers at over 101,000 square feet of total space, nearly doubling the old total of 66,000 square feet in the previous facility.

Locker room upgrades include numerous flat screen televisions, a video message board with daily schedule updates and announcements, and the latest video game systems.

# FACILITIES

State-of-the-Art FieldTurf was installed in the Devine Pavilion (Mizzou's indoor practice facility) in Summer 2007, giving the indoor football complex the same type of athlete-friendly surface that is used at Memorial Stadium.

With the $16 million enhancement to the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, the Tiger Football program enjoys locker room, strength and conditioning, dining services, training room, equipment services, coaches offices, meeting rooms and a world-class academic resource center all under the same roof.

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# FAUROT FIELD

**DANARIO ALEXANDER**
Senior Wide Receiver

The Tigers play on the state-of-the-art playing surface known as FieldTurf. It looks and feels like natural grass, but is sturdy enough to allow the Tigers to practice in the stadium anytime they desire.

FieldTurf is much easier on the bodies of athletes than the old artificial turf surfaces and it enjoys a distinct advantage over grass fields in bad weather situations, giving Tiger athletes the best in both safety and playability year-round.

The field was named in 1972 for legendary Mizzou Coach Don Faurot, who is the winningest coach in MU history, and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

# MEMORIAL STADIUM

A brand new state-of-the-art High-Definition video board will debut at Memorial Stadium in 2009. The board measures three stories high, and 80-feet wide, and will give Mizzou one of the top display boards in the nation.

Memorial Stadium's capacity rose to 71,004 in 2009, thanks to a reconfiguring of the student seating section.

The atmosphere created by Tiger fans makes Memorial Stadium one of the toughest stops for opponents in the nation. Mizzou is 31-7 over the past six seasons at home, and 18-2 over the last three years.

Memorial Stadium was named for the 112 MU graduates and students who died while fighting in World War I.

Mizzou sold a record 41,000-plus season tickets in 2008, and averaged 64,520 fans in its six home games. That marked the largest average crowd at MU home games since 1980!

# ROCK M

**KURTIS GREGORY**
Senior Offensive Lineman

The most easily identified landmark at Mizzou's Memorial Stadium is the block "M" made of rocks that sits in the middle of the hill beyond the north endzone.

The "M" is 90-feet wide and 95-feet high, and was created in 1927 by MU students with leftover rocks from the building of Memorial Stadium, which opened the year before.

# ROCK M

Senior members of the football team have also been known to take keepsake chunks of rock with them as they leave the field after their last home game.

It is a tradition that the MU freshman class comes out each year before the first home game to whitewash the rocks, in a show of support for the football team.

In 1957, a group of pranksters changed the "M" to an "N" the night before the Missouri-Nebraska game. But the Mizzou groundskeeper, with the help of some young Tiger fans who gained free admission to the game in exchange for their assistance, restored the "M" to its proper form before kickoff.

# PRESS TOWER

**ANDY MAPLES**
Senior Defensive Lineman

Opened in August of 2000 (with a $13.1 million price tag), the press tower adorns the west stands of Memorial Stadium, and gives Mizzou one of the most stylish and functional luxury boxes in the country.

The third level is the Tiger Lounge, where over 500 fans can gather to watch the game in style, in addition to four suites, each on the north and south sides of the lounge area.

The fourth level is the Suite Level, which includes 18 luxury boxes that run from end-to-end on the floor.

# PRESS TOWER

National television crews utilize the sixth level of the press tower, bringing Tiger Football to fans all over the country.

The press tower consists of six levels and stands 110-feet high, 321-feet wide and houses 35 private suites. The Tiger Lounge Level is home to many events year-round, due to its picturesque setting overlooking Faurot Field, as well as its roomy accommodations.

The fifth floor of the press tower is the Press Level. This level houses the working press who cover Mizzou Football games, and includes as many as 200 working press positions as well as operations rooms for the video boards and clock operations. The fifth level also includes nine more private suites.

# TIGER WALK BRIDGE

**JARON BASTON**
Senior Defensive Lineman

One of the unifying constructions in the Mizzou Sports Park is the Tiger Walk Bridge, which beautifully ties the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex to Memorial Stadium.

The Tiger Walk is a special tradition at Missouri. Hours before kickoff at Memorial Stadium, the Tigers gather at the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex and walk to the stadium as a team.

During the Tiger Walk, hundreds of fans, the band, Cheer Squad, Golden Girls, and Truman the Tiger, help usher the team into the stadium in preparation of yet another game day victory.

# DEVINE PAVILION

**TANNER MILLS**
Senior Kicker/Punter

The Daniel J. Devine Indoor Practice Facility, named for Hall of Fame Coach Dan Devine, is one of the finest indoor practice facilities in the Big 12 Conference.

The $12 million project was completed in the summer of 1998 and serves as the site of the Missouri Tigers' off-season conditioning workouts.

In addition, the Tigers can avoid inclement weather and conduct a full-scale practice on the 90-yard FieldTurf surface inside the facility. The facility has come in handy recently, as the Tigers practiced inside extensively late into the winter months in preparation for both the 2003 and 2005 Independence Bowls, the 2006 Sun Bowl, the 2007 and 2008 Big 12 Championship Games, the 2008 AT&T Cotton Bowl, and the 2008 Alamo Bowl.

Although the facility is less than a decade old, building enhancements are already underway. In Summer 2007, FieldTurf was installed to replace the Astroturf, which was initially laid during the building's construction.

# MIZZOU ATHLETICS TRAINING COMPLEX

The Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, a $16 million expansion and renovation project, opened in 2007, gives the Mizzou Football program one of the most comprehensive training facilities in America.

The facility registers over 101,000 square feet of total space, nearly doubling the total space in Mizzou's previous facility, and is a perfect example of the commitment that the University of Missouri and its donors have to its student-athletes at Mizzou.

State-of-the-art locker room, training room and outstanding academic and career resource centers are also housed in the all-encompassing facility.

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# MIZZOU ATHLETICS TRAINING COMPLEX

Everything the Tiger Football student-athlete needs is located in the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex – whether it relates to academics, computer labs, tutoring and career center options, strength and conditioning, sports medicine, equipment operations, dining facilities, locker room, team meeting and individual position breakout rooms – it's all here.

Improvements were made in all areas of the facility, including the strength and conditioning center, which ranks among the nation's finest and largest facilities of its kind.

Another key element of the complex is the dining services wing, which allows full-service meals on a daily basis for the Tiger Football players.

# STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

**LEVI HAMILTON**
Senior Tight End

The Yeckel Training Center boasts more than 15,000 square feet of workout space, which ranks among the nation's largest and most comprehensive strength and conditioning facilities in America.

Former Mizzou athlete Pat Ivey directs Tiger Strength & Conditioning, and has developed a program that is regarded as one of the tops in the nation. Much of what Ivey and his staff have done to develop the program has been borrowed at other schools, and the staff is regularly asked to speak at national strength and conditioning forums.

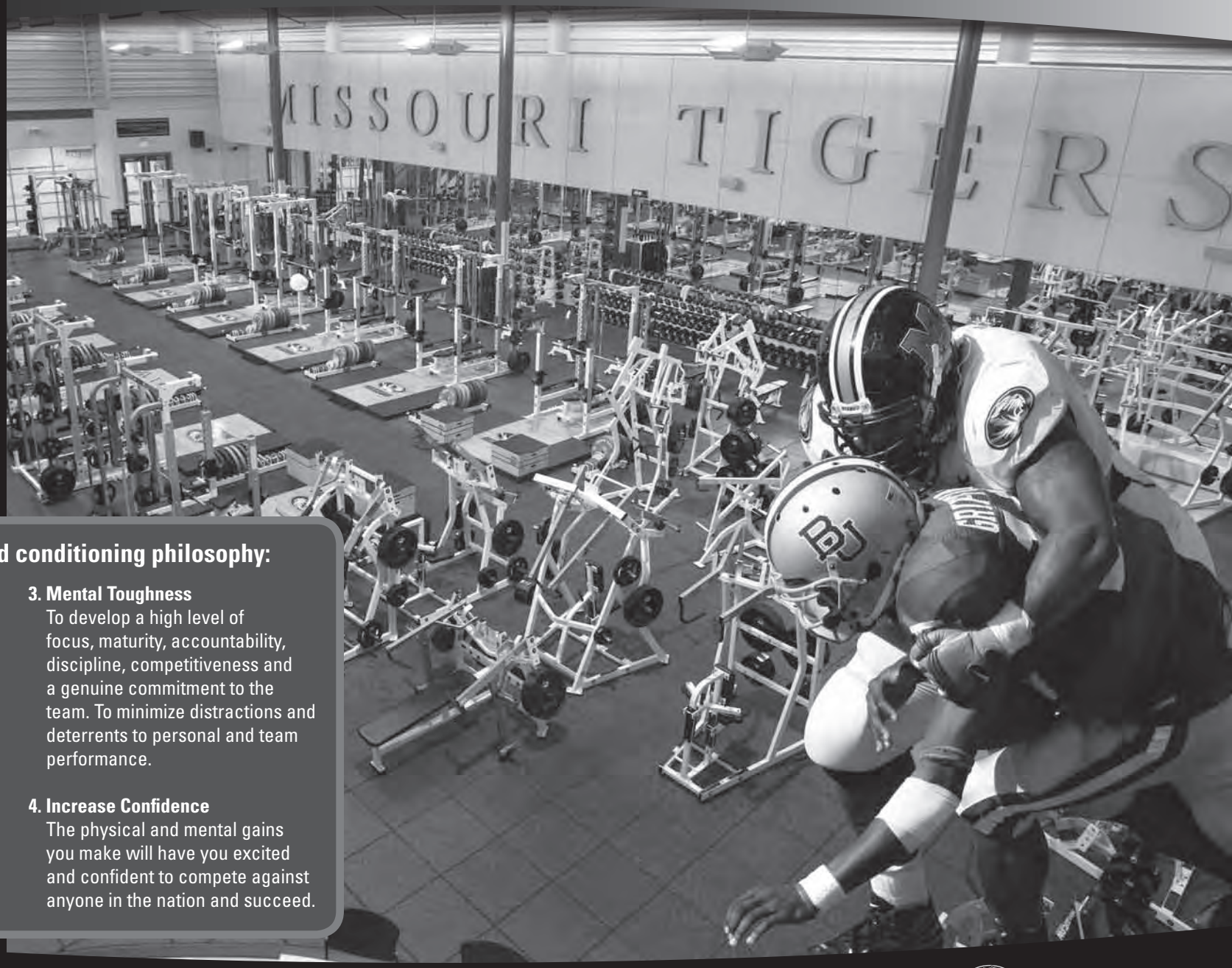
Ivey and staff helped mold Ziggy Hood into a Strength and Conditioning All-American in 2008, and Hood's physical development in the weight room at Mizzou played a role in him becoming a first-round selection in the 2009 NFL Draft.

Mizzou has an exclusive partnership with strength training industry leaders such as Hammer Strength and Iron Grip, and brand new equipment prominently displays that partnership and commitment to the best for Tiger Football players.

# STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Multiple lifting and conditioning stations give Tiger athletes all they need, eliminating downtime between lifts, while maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of each workout.

The goal of the Missouri Strength and Conditioning program is to improve each person's athleticism, further developing their strength, speed and quickness, while increasing their agility and explosiveness.




## Four cores of the strength and conditioning philosophy:

1. **Enhance Sport Performance**
   Strength, speed, explosiveness, agility, flexibility, body composition, nutrition and conditioning in specific sports.

2. **Injury Reduction**
   Healthy muscles and joints decrease the chances of injury. When an injury occurs, a well-conditioned, well-trained athlete will recover from the injury and spend less time limited in their participation.

3. **Mental Toughness**
   To develop a high level of focus, maturity, accountability, discipline, competitiveness and a genuine commitment to the team. To minimize distractions and deterrents to personal and team performance.

4. **Increase Confidence**
   The physical and mental gains you make will have you excited and confident to compete against anyone in the nation and succeed.

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# SPORTS NUTRITION

**BRIAN COULTER**
Senior Defensive End

Mizzou Football is the only program in the nation which owns its own DXA machine. DXA stands for dual energy x-ray absorptiometry, and the machine, typically used in clinical settings, measures bone density and is considered to be the "gold standard" when measuring body composition. Tiger athletes benefit greatly from seeing accurate information about their body composition, and can gear their workout and nutritional programs based on what the machine tells them.

The goal of Mizzou Sports Nutrition is to educate Mizzou Football players and coaches about the importance and role of nutrition as a part of their competitive lifestyle in order to achieve optimal performance throughout intense daily physical and mental preparation.

The Yeckel Training Center comes complete with a Sports Nutrition Oasis, which provides the Tigers with NCAA-compliant pre-and-post workout nutrition and hydration.

# SPORTS NUTRITION

Mizzou Sports Nutrition will provide every Tiger with specific nutrition education through team presentations and one-on-one interactions.

Jana Heitmeyer is entering her third year as the Director of Mizzou's Sports Nutrition program, after she spent three years as a coach in the Missouri Strength and Conditioning program.

Gatorade is the official sports drink of Mizzou Football and provides the Tigers with the latest in hydration technology.

**MIZZOU'S FOOTBALL STUDENT ATHLETES GET THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES PROVIDED FROM JANA HEITMEYER**

- Meal planning and focused food choices
- Nutrient timing for optimal performance and recovery
- Nutritional supplements as ergogenic aids to enhance athletic performance
- Muscle development (weight gain) and fat loss (weight loss) strategies
- Calculating daily calorie requirements based on training volume and intensity
- Maintaining hydration status and electrolyte balance
- Cooking classes and easy-make recipes that make eating healthier and cheaper

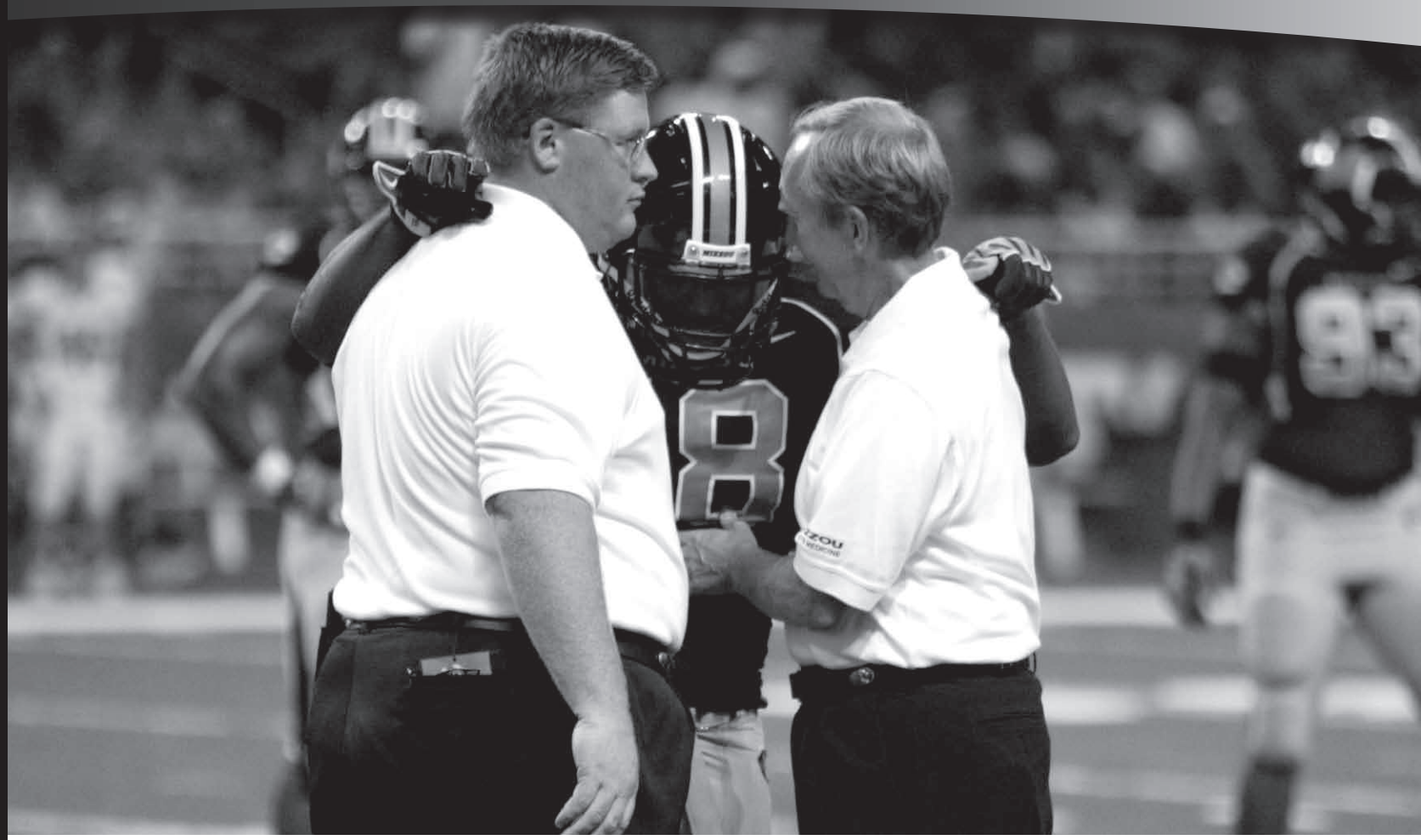
# ATHLETIC HEALTH CARE

The University of Missouri Athletic Health Care team consists of team physicians, under the direction of nationally recognized orthopaedist Dr. Patrick Smith, a highly experienced staff of 13 certified athletic trainers, a group of dedicated and hard-working student athletic trainers, and several allied health care professionals.

The Missouri Athletic Health Care staff recently received a "Best Staff in the Big 12 Conference" award for their expertise.

The mission of Mizzou's Athletic Health Services is very simple - to provide the best possible health care for all University of Missouri student-athletes.

The Dr. Glenn L. McElroy Sports Medicine Center is, without question, one of the finest state-of-the-art collegiate sports medicine facilities in the country, and allows the Health Care team to provide the finest care in the country to Tiger Football athletes.



# ATHLETIC HEALTH CARE

The "MAC" features state-of-the-art treatment and rehabilitation equipment, including a Swim-Ex 7,000 Therapeutic Exercise/ Rehabilitation Pool, 20 custom-made treatment tables with high-tech treatment modalities, and 15 custom-made taping stations.

Missouri Football is the only collegiate program in America to have its own dedicated DXA Machine. This machine can perform bone density scans in just seconds and can identify potential problem areas for student-athletes, allowing them to strengthen areas of their body that can become susceptible to injury, before they occur.

In addition, the sports medicine center contains a large therapeutic exercise area featuring stair-steppers for conditioning, closed kinetic chain rehabilitation, exercise cycles, upper body ergometers and treadmills.

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# LOCKER ROOM

**JARED PERRY**
Senior Wide Receiver

Mizzou Football athletes have the great privilege of every day use of a state-of-the-art locker room facility that spans over 7,000 square feet and provides ample space and amenities to make it a popular place throughout the week.

The locker room is an NFL-style facility capable of holding up to 130 players comfortably.

The locker room comes complete with a 65-inch high definition plasma television, outfitted with a surround sound system, Xbox and Playstation gaming ports and a DVD player.

Eight 30-inch high definition plasma televisions are placed throughout the locker room as well, allowing position groups to watch their own movies and videos.

# LOCKER ROOM

Several TVs are dedicated to give daily updates about meeting schedules, practice information and even social events and birthday notices.

The locker room is one of the nation's first clean-air facilities of its kind and features a state-of-the-art Ionic Breeze filtration system that not only eliminates odors, but germs and allergy-causing agents. The room also has a state-of-the-art ventilation system that puts new air into the locker room on an hourly basis, eliminating odor and humidity, while providing superior air cleaning capabilities.

Connected to the locker room is a shoe drying room, where each player will have the ability to place their wet shoes in a drying rack and have their shoes dry and ready for the next day's practice.

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# ONOFRIO ROOM

Named after former Tiger coaching great Al Onofrio, the Onofrio Team Room can seat over 150 people comfortably, and gives the Tigers a centrally-located meeting room for daily meetings and film study sessions.

The room has video, DVD and computer presentation capabilities, and features theater-quality surround sound.

Head Coach Gary Pinkel holds his weekly news briefing with the media each Monday afternoon from this room. It has also hosted special news conference events, including this past January, when Jeremy Maclin held a press conference to announce he was entering the 2009 NFL Draft.

A lounge with premium amenities is also available for football student-athletes to relax in, and is located just down the hallway from the Onofrio Room. This comfortable facility includes a television, pool table, foosball table and several comfortable couches and chairs in which to relax between classes or practices.

# SELLS FAMILY DINING HALL

**HARDY RICKS**
Senior Safety

The Sells Family Dining Hall is one of the top full-service facilities in the nation, and provides Tiger Football student-athletes with the best of the best in nutrition, variety and taste.

The Dining Hall is large enough to house nearly 300 people at one time, which means that Mizzou student-athletes in all sports get to mingle at dinner every night, which is a great way for them to get to know each other in a casual setting.

The dining services staff works along with the Missouri strength and conditioning staff in developing menus that maintain a good nutritional value. Nutritional analysis is available for each athlete, allowing for optimal performance in practice, in the weight room, and in competition.

The Tiger Football team has numerous dining options thanks to a rotating menu, which includes choices of steak, seafood and pasta on a daily basis.

In addition to premium dining options, the Tigers can also utilize cook-to-order stir fry, pizza and sandwich stations, along with freshly-cut fruit and salad bars daily.

A dozen plasma screen televisions circle the dining facility, allowing for wall-to-wall viewing while dining.

# ACADEMICS & CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mizzou has a cutting-edge Tigers for Tomorrow Career Development Program, led by former Tiger swimmer Kim Martin.

The program is committed to providing comprehensive career guidance for all current and former Mizzou student-athletes, in order to transition elite student-athletes into successful professionals in their given field.

The Tiger Career Network is a group of partnered employers who have an active interest and history in hiring Mizzou student-athletes once they complete their days at MU. Kim Martin and staff work closely with these leaders of industry in order to build relationships that will help provide opportunities for job shadows, internships and potential job placement.

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The Tiger Timeline is a detailed four-year career development plan specifically designed for student-athletes. If the plan is followed, the student-athlete will be exceptionally prepared for a professional career. Just a few other services provided by the Career Development Program include:

- Individual career consultations
- Exploration of college major
- Career development workshops
- Resume writing and review
- Job search strategies
- Self-assessment testing
- Mock job interviews
- Student-athlete career fair

# ACADEMICS & CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mizzou's senior class of 2008 was not only the winningest on the field in MU history, it also had a 100% graduation rate, as all 23 members of the class earned their degree from the University.

Mizzou has led the Big 12 Congerence in NCAA Academic Progress Rates each of the last two years.

Former Tiger standout wide receiver Brad Ekwerekwu is a shining example of a student-athlete who took advantage of the resources provided him in the Total Person Program. After his professional football days were over, Ekwerekwu used his experience and contacts at Mizzou to land a job in the Total Person Program, where he now helps counsel student-athletes in the ever-important areas of life skills and social responsibility.

The program focuses heavily on the freshman year in order to provide student-athletes with greater opportunities for academic success. To further enrich the freshman experience, the Total Person Program teaches a series of classes that focus on time management skills, textbook reading, course organization, note-taking, instructor relations, paper writing, memory and life skills.

The Total Person Program oversees Tiger student-athlete academic progress. There are several services that are offered here such as academic counseling and assistance, academic progress monitoring, and substance abuse and psychological counseling.

Missouri ranked No. 13 nationally recently among public universities on Forbes Magazine's "How To Choose A College" list, which ranks the overall college experience, student satisfaction, research and quality of faculty.

# COMUPUTER LAB

The Shelden Academic Resource Center includes a 50-workstation computer lab, more than 20 group and individual tutor rooms, staff offices and meeting rooms, as well as a large study area, giving Tiger student-athletes virtually every resource they need to be successful in the classroom.

The center features state-of-the-art wireless Internet capabilities for Tiger student-athletes' use.

Mizzou has led the Big 12 Conference in graduation rates several times in recent years.

Tiger student-athletes have recorded the highest-ever grade point averages in school history over the last four academic years, and the football team has turned in among the highest Graduation Success Rates in major-college football.

Thirty-six Tiger football student-athletes earned a 3.0 or better grade point average in the fall 2008 semester. Overall, Mizzou ranked first in the Big 12 Conference in Academic Progress Rate (APR).

# VIDEO SERVICES

Mizzou's Video Services equips Tiger football players with everything they need from scouting opponents to personal performance improvement.

Each Tiger gets two DVDs every week of scouting video from upcoming opponents to help prepare for the game.

Tiger players have access to current video of games and drills from NFL teams.

Mizzou sends all of its game films to the NFL Films Dub Center, which in turn sends the footage out to all of the league's teams.

Mizzou films pro-day workouts each year and provides the footage to the NFL.

Practice videos are available for review on a daily basis, immediately after practice is complete.

Mizzou has a strong relationship with NFL teams, as scouts come in throughout the year to view film, and they are provided DVD highlights of Tiger players.

# EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS

**JON GISSINGER**
Senior Tight End

The Mizzou Athletic Equipment Staff plays a vital role in the day-to-day operations of Missouri Football. Don Barnes is in his 10th year as the Director of Equipment Operations at Mizzou, and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise that gives MU student-athletes the best in equipment and apparel care.

Barnes' duties include ordering and fitting equipment, caring for team uniforms, practice gear, and maintenance of the team and coaches' locker rooms. He also was instrumental in finalizing MU's lucrative sponsorship agreement with Nike, which has moved Mizzou to the elite Nike Team School designation – meaning that Tiger Football players get the best of the best the sporting goods giant has to offer.

On the following pages is a partial catalog of equipment and gear that is issued to Mizzou Football players through Barnes and his staff. Nike is constantly updating what they provide to Mizzou, as one of its top schools, so Tiger Football players can rest assured that they're always equipped with the newest and best Nike has to offer.

# EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO TIGER FOOTBALL PLAYERS

**MU-VSR-4**
Riddell Kra-Lite II
Polycarbonate Lexon
Shell • 010 Black

**MU100100**
Revolution Helmet
010 Black

**MU000612**
Schutt Pro Air II
010 Black

**MU000208**
D-Tack Magnigrip Gloves
082 Grey

**MU000207**
G-Tack Palm Pad Gloves
082 Grey

**MU000200**
Magnigrip Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

**MU000210**
Textured Cold Weather Gloves
010 Black

**MU000206**
D-Tack II Gloves
080 Grey/Charcoal

**MU000611**
Cordua Pro-Vent Stretch
Away Game Jersey
100 White

**MU000613**
Cordua Nylon Stretch
Away Game Pant
100 White

**MU000610**
Cordua Pro-Vent Stretch
Home Game Jersey
010 Black

**MU000612**
Cordua Nylon Stretch
Home Game Pant
010 Black

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**MU000701**
Nike Air Zoom Apocalypse III

**MU000702**
Nike Air Zoom Torque D

**MU000703**
Nike Torque D

**MU000713**
Nike Speed TD

**MU000714**
Nike Air Zoom Astro Grabber 3/4

**MU 000730**
Nike Blade II TD

**MU 000735**
Nike Air Zoom Apocalypse IV D

**MU000704**
Nike Air Torque Shark

**MU000705**
Nike Air Torque Shark (Adult and BG)

**MU000706**
Nike Air Zoom Barracuda Stove

**MU000707**
Nike Air Zoom Barracuda

**MU000711**
Nike Super Speed D

**MU000712**
Nike Speed TD 3/4

**MU000745**
Nike Free Trainer

**MU060752**
Nike Super Speed D 3/4

**MU060756**
Nike Air Zoom Huarache Elite TB

**MU060758**
Nike Air Zoom Super Bad

**MU000719**
Nike Strike Force High

**MU000720**
Nike Strike Force 3/4

**MU000721**
Nike Strike Force

**MU000736**
Nike Air Zoom Blade II ¾ TD

**MU060760**
Nike Super Speed D Low

**IB 0003660**
Nike Air Max Astonish

**MU000722**
Nike Land Shark High

**MU000723**
Nike Land Shark 3/4
(Adult and BG)

**MU000724**
Nike Land Shark (Adult and BG)

**MU0607054**
Nike Free Trainer 7.0

**MU000737**
Nike Air Zoom
Boss Shark ¾ Wide

**MU000731**
Nike Air Astro Grabber

**MU000734**
Nike Zoom Air Vapor

**MU000450**
Personal Atmosair Team Travel Bag
010 Black

**MU000741**
Nike Air Max LTD Trainer

**MU060762**
Nike Shox Turbo +IV

**MU000732**
Nike Vapor Jet TD

**MU060488**
Nike B2.4 Extra Large Duffle
010 Black

**MU060489**
Nike Show Team Equipment Bag
010 Black

**MU060764**
Nike Shox Saya

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**MU000428**
Missouri Tigers Tee
182 Heather Grey • 100 White

**MU000429**
Tiger Football Tee
100 White • 182 Heather Grey

**MU000420**
Just Do It Tee
010 Black • 100 White

**MU000422**
Twin Posts Tee
182 Heather Grey

**MU000424**
Practice Tee 3
010 Black • 182 Heather Grey
721 Mizzou Gold

**MU050421**
Mizzou Player Tee
182 Heather Grey

**MU000423**
MIS Direction Tee
010 Black

**MU000425**
Practice Tee 3
182 Heather Grey

**MU000426**
Practice Tee 3
100 White

**IB 0003681**
Nike I - Bowl Pro
Basic Mizzou Loose
010 Black

**MU 000414**
Nike Mizzou Power Tee
182 Heather Grey

**SB 06-1993**
Nike Prepare Sun Bowl Tee
182 Heather Grey

**MU050423**
Big Team Practice Tee
182 Heather Grey

**MU050424**
Big Team Workout Tee
010 Black

**MU000421**
Football Tiger Tee
182 Heather Grey

**MU000427**
Mizzou Football Tee
182 Heather Grey

**MU060515**
Nike Missouri Commitment Tee
182 Heather Grey

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**MU000432–433**
Long Sleeve Poly Dri-Fit Top
100 White • 010 Black

**MU000502–503**
Dri-Fit One Tight
100 White • 010 Black

**MU000505**
Pro-Vent Seamless Dry-Fit Workout Top
010 Black

**MU 000517**
Dri-Fit Nike Pro Seamless
Long Sleeve Loose Crew
010 Black

**MU000512**
Dri-Fit Nike Sphere Ace
Loose LS Crew
100 White

**MU 000516**
Dri-Fit Nike Pro Seamless
Short Sleeve Tight Crew
100 White

**MU000514**
Dri-Fit L/S Mock One Tight
100 White

**MU000504**
Dri-Fit L/S One Tight
100 White

**MU000452**
Poly Dri-Fit Loose Fit Crew
100 White

**MU000482**
Basic Dri-Fit Short Sleeve Tee
100 White

**MU050425**
Pro-vent Seamless Tee
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU 000509**
Dri-Fit Nike Pro Vent Loose Short
Sleeve Grey
182 Heather Grey

**MU060417**
Nike Tiger Pro Basic SS Top
010 Black

**MU 000497**
Nike Dri Fit Pro
Loose Layer Short
010 Black

**MU060513**
Nike Missouri Pro Max Loose Mock
010 Black

**MU060517**
Nike Missouri Pro Max L/S Crew
010 Black

**MU060131**
Nike Tiger Sphere Pro Thermal LS
011 White

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

**MU000444**
New Classic Long Sleeve Tee
182 Heather Grey

**MU000443**
Speed Kills L/S Tee
100 White • 010 Black

**MU000440**
Interlock Missouri Football Mock
010 Black

**MU 000519**
Nike Pro Vent Loose Long Sleeve Crew
721 Mizzou Gold

**MU 000451**
Nike Mizzou Open Field Premiere Fleece Pant
182 Heather Grey

**MU000508**
Longsleeve Cotton Mock
100 White

**MU000493**
Heavy Pill Fleece
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU060309**
Nike Missouri Franchise Fleece Crew
010 Black

**MU060646**
Nike Mizzou Fundamental 1/4 Zip Fleece
010 Black

**MU060604**
Nike Tiger L/S Football Training Top
782 Mizzou Gold/Heather Grey

**MU060913**
Nike Missouri Pro Revolution Culture Fleece Crew
182 Heather Grey

**MU 000459**
Nike Missouri United Fleece Crew
182 Heather Grey

**MU060316**
Nike Mizzou L/S Football Training Crew
300 Grey/White

**MU060413**
Nike Tiger Premier Half-Zip Fleece
010 Black

**MU0003743 • MU0003716**
Nike Clima-Fit Bowl Top/Bottom
082 Heather Grey/Black

**MU000441 • MU000446**
Mizzou Football Sweats Top/Bottom
182 Heather Grey

**MU000437 • MU000449**
Textured Travel Sweats Top/Bottom
010 Black

**MU000465 • MU000466**
Nike Mizzou Mercurial Top/Bottom
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU000435 • MU0004402**
Tigers Football Sweats Top/Bottom
182 Heather Grey

**MU000436 • MU000448**
Tiger Football Sweats Top/Bottom
010 Black

**MU060119 • MU060498**
Nike Tiger Bump & Run Hoody and Bail Out Fleece Pant

**MU060393 • MU060815**
Nike Tiger Conference 1/4 Zip Jersey and Conference Short

**MU060327**
Nike Chill Out Microfiber Warm Up
300 Grey/White

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**MU000917**
Chest Stripe Polo
011 Black/White

**MU000419**
Dri-Fit Grid Texture Polo
100 White

**MU000418**
Polynosic Knit Polo
010 Black

**MU000408**
Full House Polo
010 White

**MU000416**
Chest Stripe Polo
111 White/Black

**MU060411**
Nike Tiger Double Double Polo
010 Black • 100 White

**SB 06-1988**
Sun Bowl Select
Classic Woven Shirt
010 Black

**MU060684**
Nike Tiger Quick Count Polo
700 Mizzou Gold/White

**SB060876**
Nike Tiger Quick Count Polo
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU060217**
Nike Mizzou Sphere Dry
Roll Out Polo
011 Black/White

**MU060660**
Nike Tiger End Line Polo
010 Black

**MU060397**
Nike Tiger Dri-Fit
Open Field L/S Polo
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU000402**
Missouri Swoosh Flex Fit Cap
010 Black

**MU000400**
Nike 'M' Flex Fit Cap
010 Black • 100 White

**MU000015**
Wool Classic Cap
010 Black

**MU000018**
Dri-Fit Coaches Cap II
100 White

**MU000017**
Swoosh Flex Cap
721 Mizzou Gold

**MU000403**
Tiger Head Visor
010 Black

**MU000404**
Flex-Fit Mesh Visor
011 Black/White

**MU060403**
Nike Feather Light Visor
100 White

**MU000001**
Mesh Top Jimi Cap
010 Black

**MU000002**
Pro Knit Skully
010 Black

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

**MU000510**
Missouri Award Letter Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU000434**
Long Sleeve Storm Fit
010 Black

**MU000438**
Nylon Pullover
010 Black

**MU000456**
Nike Clima-fit Jacket w/ Hood
010 Black

**MU000453**
Nike Retro Nylon Lined Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU060333**
Nike Missouri Fit-Dri
Pre Thermal L/S Crew
010 Black

**MU060900**
Nike Tiger Clima-Fit Pullover
010 Black

**MU000445**
Therma-Fit Chest Stripe Fleece
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU000439**
Sueded Microfiber V-Neck
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU000454**
Nike Safety Blitz Jacket
701 Mizzou Gold/Black

**MU000455**
Nike Game Core Sideline Jacket
010 Black

# EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES

**DEL HOWARD**
Senior Safety

Mizzou boasts one of the most beautiful college campuses in America, and more importantly for the student-athlete, some of the best facilities around.

The brand-new Student Recreation Center is without question one of the most impressive facilities of its kind nationally. With multiple first-class workout rooms, indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs, locker room facilities, and numerous other fitness activities including rock climbing, basketball, racquet ball and more, the Student Recreation Center is second to none.

# EXCELLENCE IN FACILITIES

Sports Illustrated recently named the Mizzou Student Recreation Center the best in the nation!

The College of Business is housed in a new facility named Cornell Hall, giving the school an eye-catching home that attracts some of the nation's top business-minded students. Other new facilities include the new Life Sciences Center, and Mizzou Arena for Mizzou basketball. Another new facility is the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute for advanced studies in journalism.

Missouri's world-class aquatic center hosts the Missouri Grand Prix, which features Olympic Gold Medalists Michael Phelps, Natalie Coughlin and others.

# SPORTS PARK AT MU

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The Sports Park at MU has evolved into one of the finest and most comprehensive collegiate sports galleries in America. From football and baseball to track and basketball, all 20 athletics programs at the University of Missouri have benefited from a series of new construction projects that began in 1995.

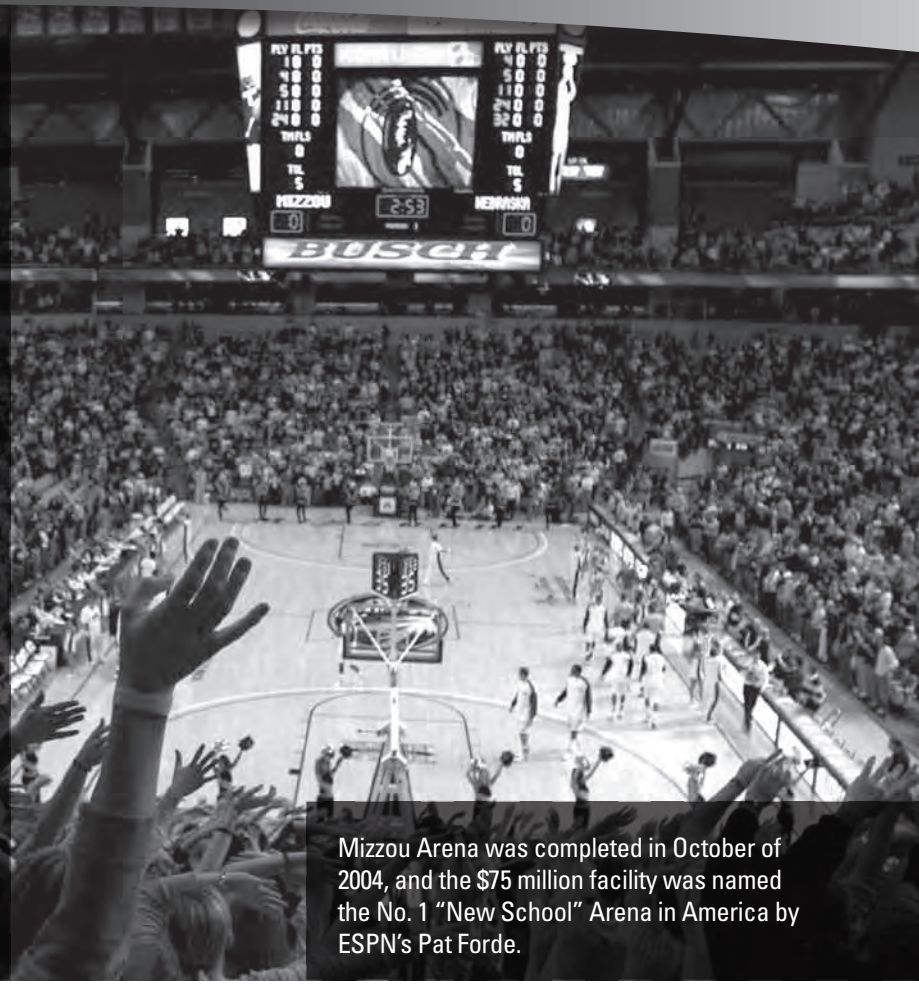
Starting with the 2009 season, Memorial Stadium will boast a new 80-foot wide video board and sound system, which will more than triple the size of the previous video structure.

Also recently completed was the resurfacing of the field turf inside the Daniel J. Devine Pavilion, Mizzou's indoor football practice facility.

With the completion of the $16 million renovation and expansion project for the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex, the total money spent on MU Sports Park facilities comes to a whopping $163.2 million from 1995 to the present.

## SPORTS PARK AT MU MAJOR PROJECTS, 1995-2008

| Project | Cost |
|---|---|
| Faurot Field Renovation | $15.2 million |
| Glenn McElroy Sports Medicine Center | $2.7 million |
| Daniel J. Devine Pavilion | $6 million |
| Shelden Academic Resource Center | $2.7 million |
| Tom Taylor Building Upgrades | $1.8 million |
| Audrey J. Walton Track Soccer Field Stadium | $2.8 million |
| Yeckel Training Center Expansion | $500,000 |
| University Softball Field | $400,000 |
| Ralph & Debbie Taylor/Phi Delta Theta Stadium | $2.2 million |
| Memorial Stadium Press Box | $13.1 million |
| Green Tennis Center at Mizzou | $2 million |
| Providence Road Pedestrian Overpass | $1.5 million |
| FiedTurf Installation at Faurot Field | $1 million |
| Mizzou Arena | $75 million |
| Mizzou Aquatics Center | $11 million |
| Mizzou Athletics Training Complex | $16 million |
| South Scoreboard at Faurot Field | $500,000 |
| University Softball Field Improvements | $500,000 |
| Track and Field Resurfacing Project | $1 million |
| Field Turf instillation at Devine Pavilion | $650,000 |
| Taylor Stadium Renovation and Expansion | $2 million |
| Sports Park at MU Audio-Visual Development | $5 million |
| | $163.2 million |



Mizzou Arena was completed in October of 2004, and the $75 million facility was named the No. 1 "New School" Arena in America by ESPN's Pat Forde.

# THE COLUMNS

**JAKE HARRY**
Senior Punter

The landmark of Mizzou's campus is the majestic Columns, which stand proudly in the middle of picturesque Francis Quadrangle. The six ionic columns that stand are all that remain of the old Academic Hall that was destroyed by fire on Jan. 9, 1892. They remain to honor the many generations of students and faculty who have passed in their shadow.

The Quadrangle and its Columns are fond symbols of MU and the witness to many events annually, including graduation and various other ceremonies.

Many myths surround the Columns, including the legend that the architect placed two further apart for his own amusement.

The Quadrangle is adjacent to the Mel Carnahan Quad, which was the site of nearly 40,000 spectators during a speech by current U.S. President Barack Obama during his 2008 Presidential Campaign.

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# TOP-NOTCH FACULTY

At Mizzou, nationally prominent scholars and scientists bring their insights and discoveries into the classroom, and often involve students directly in research. MU's stellar professors, 94 percent of whom have doctorates or the highest degree in their fields, inspire young men and women to reach their full potential.

The National Science Foundation has recognized MU as one of the top 10 universities in the country for successfully integrating undergraduate research.

MU invented Therasphere® for liver cancer; Quadramet® for bone cancer pain; and Ceratec™ for brain imaging to diagnose stroke, Alzheimer's Disease, infections, and more.

**ZIGGY HOOD**
**First round 2009 NFL Draft pick to the Pittsburgh Steelers.**

Astronauts heading to Mars may be accompanied by "Robonaut," NASA's humanlike robot that will collect samples and make repairs. MU researchers are developing a special language to improve communication between these robots and humans.

**DR. JIM SPAIN**
**Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies**

# HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS

The University of Missouri is one of only six public universities with medicine, veterinary medicine, and law schools all on one campus.

Mizzou has Top 10 national academic programs in exercise physiology, law dispute resolution, family and community medicine, counseling psychology, creative writing, veterinary biomedical science, journalism, school guidance, and health management and informatics.

The University of Missouri is a leader in the national community in creating new building materials that are better capable of withstanding explosions, including those associated with terrorist attacks.

The new International Institute for Nano and Molecular Medicine, completed in 2007, will allow University of Missouri officials to use nano-technologies to find cures for some of the world's deadliest diseases, including various forms of cancer.

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# COMPLETE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Columbia was named one of the Top 10 College Sports towns in America by Forbes Magazine. In fact, Columbia was selected the top college town in the Big 12 by the publication.

Mizzou offers endless options, from choice of academic majors and living arrangements, to opportunities to gain professional experience and explore the world in study-abroad programs.

More than 3,000 companies and organizations annually recruit new Missouri graduates, including more than 200 Fortune 500 companies.

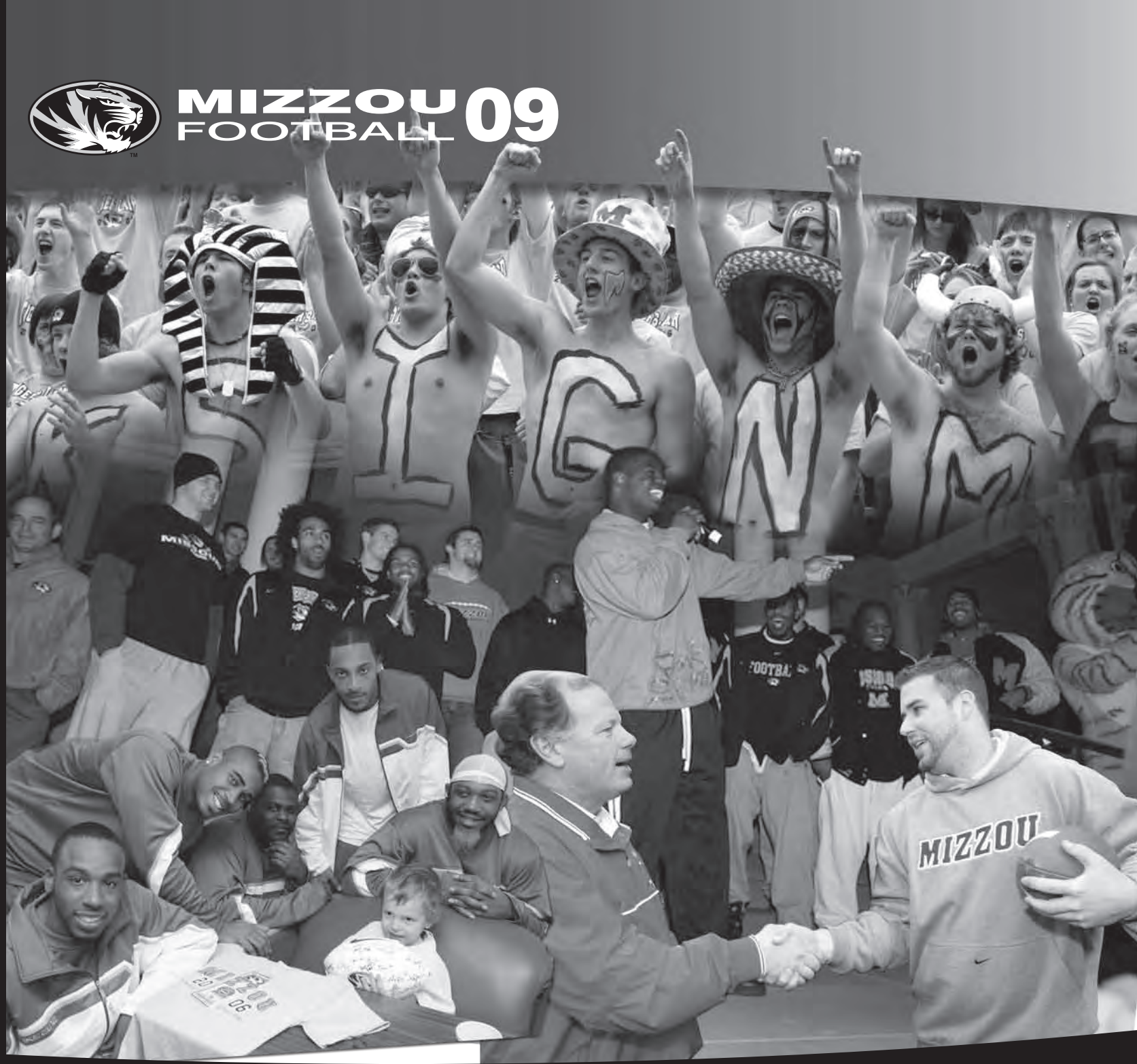
# COMPLETE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

In surveys of recent Missouri graduates, an astonishing 87 percent found employment soon after graduation.

According to a 2002 U.S. Census Bureau report, college graduates can expect to make $2.1 million over their lifetimes, compared to the $1.2 million earned by non-college graduates.

At Missouri, students-athletes enjoy the unique opportunity to grow academically, socially as well as athletically with a diverse and energetic campus environment.

MU is highly ranked in quality and value by U.S. News & World Report, The Fiske Guide to Colleges, Barron's Best Buys in College Education and numerous other college guides.



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# MID-MISSOURI LIFE

University of Missouri students have easy access to more than 5.3 million people and are centrally located in between the metropolitan hubs of Kansas City and St. Louis.

Money Magazine ranked Columbia one of the nation's Top 10 cities to live in due to its growing population, numerous entertainment outlets and bustling night-life.

Each year the nation's top performing acts, such as Nelly, Kelly Rowland, Kanye West come to Columbia to perform before the Mizzou student-body.

# MID-MISSOURI LIFE

National celebrities such as ESPN's John Anderson, Nextel Cup superstar Carl Edwards, World Series champions Joe Crede (Chicago White Sox) and Albert Pujols (St. Louis Cardinals), recoding celebrity Sheryl Crow and actor Brad Pitt watch the Tigers play on an annual basis.

The Lake of the Ozarks is just one hour from Columbia and gives Mizzou students easy access to summer fun on one of the nation's largest lakes.

# GOLDEN GIRLS

In 1957, Charles Emmons, the director of the band, added the sparkle to Marching Mizzou by founding the now-famous Golden Girls, a twirling line of six to eight majorettes and two feature twirlers.

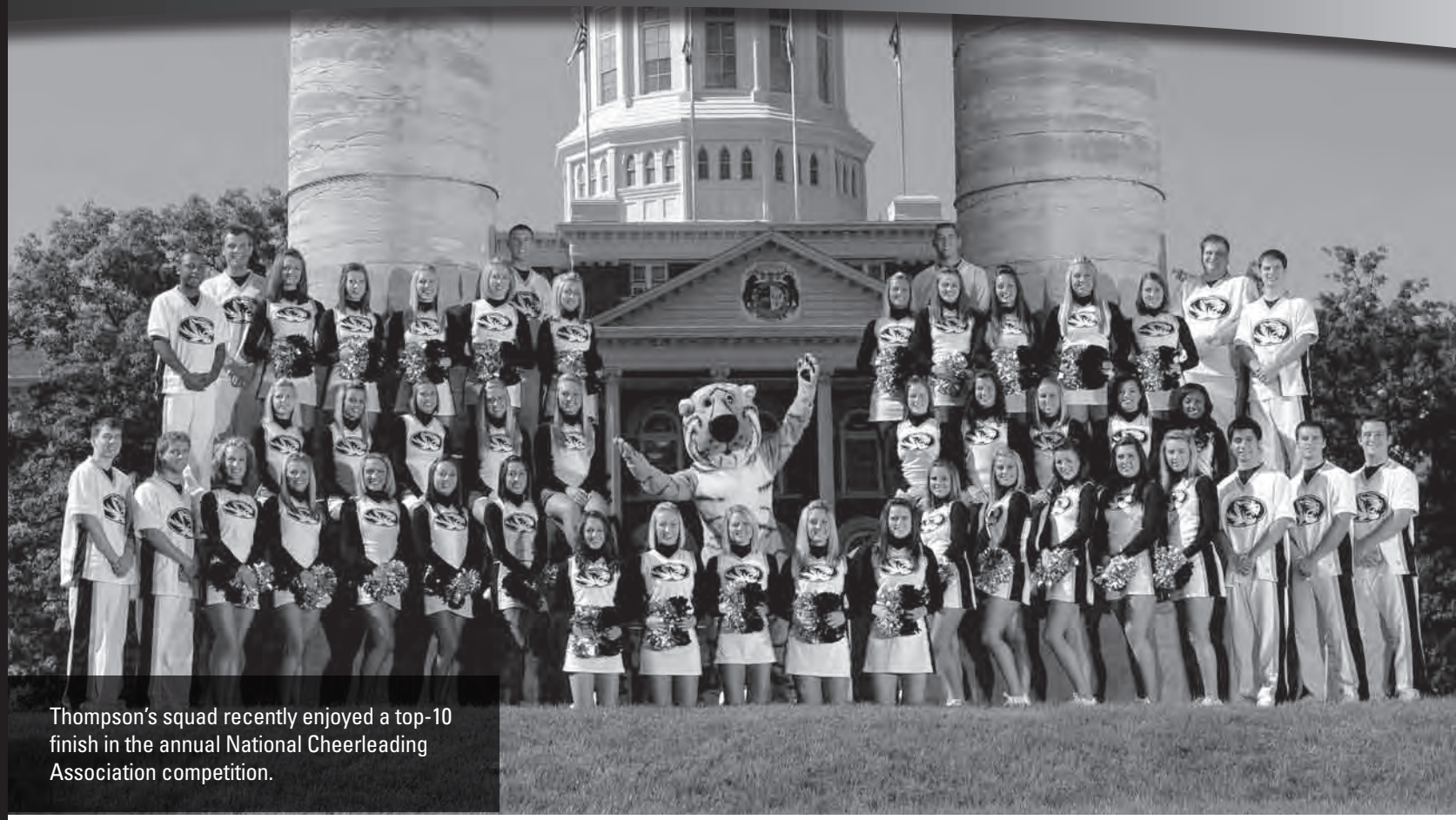
The Golden Girls are one of the premiere groups in the nation. They recently claimed a national championship, as they won the United Spirit Association Collegiate Nationals in 2003. That added to previous national titles won by the squad in 1991 and 1992. Their 1991 title netted the group a trip to Japan, where they performed at the Japan Classic Basketball All-Star Series.

Shannon Fry, the head coach of the Golden Girls, was herself a Golden Girl at Mizzou from 1990-94 and was a four-time collegiate All-American. After graduation, Fry cheered for the Kansas City Chiefs and began coaching at Blue Springs High School, where her cheerleaders were two-time Missouri state champs.

# CHEER SQUAD

The Cheer Squad made its first appearance in the 1909-10 school year with an all-male squad called the "Yell Leaders." The white-clad squad was led by a head cheerleader who was sent with the football team on all trips, to gather Missouri support at the out of town games. In the fall of 1937, three women were added to the squad. The addition of Betty Jacque Smith, Betty Ann Onhemus and Jean Jones gave new enthusiasm to fans.

In 1954, a pep organization called the "Hellcats" formed to coordinate fundraisers to help finance the cheerleaders to out of town games. In was in this same year that the cheerleaders were organized under the Student Government Association. In the next several years the cheerleaders prospered, not only growing in size, but also growing in enthusiasm. In the early 1980's, the cheerleaders were moved under the direction of the Athletic Department, where the squad now resides under the leadership of Head Coach Suzy Thompson.



Thompson's squad recently enjoyed a top-10 finish in the annual National Cheerleading Association competition.

# TRUMAN THE TIGER

The nickname "Tigers," given to Mizzou's athletic teams, traces its origin to the Civil War period. While a guerrilla band organized by the notorious Bill Anderson ransacked communities throughout the state, Columbia formed an armed-guard group called the "Missouri Tigers" to protect the city from impending invasion. The group's strong reputation earned acclaim throughout the region and Anderson's guerrilla group quickly bypassed the city of Columbia.

Soon after Missouri's first football team was organized in 1890, the athletic committee adopted the nickname "Tiger" in official recognition of those Civil War defenders. Their spirit is now embodied in the MU mascot — "Truman the Tiger." Named for the Missouri-bred President of the United States — Harry S. Truman.

Truman has been acclaimed "Best Mascot in the Nation" in national competition three times in recent years, including winning the national title in 2004!

# MARCHING MIZZOU

Marching Mizzou is Missouri's largest student organization and is comprised of students from nearly every major on the MU campus.

Marching Mizzou is well known for the unmatched excellence of its musical performances along with a marching style that is quick moving and entertaining.

Marching Mizzou was originally formed in 1885 and had just 12 members. Today the band has more than 300 members, a color guard and three drum majors.

Marching Mizzou has traveled all over the country to perform, from parades and bowl games, to the inauguration of United States Presidents.

## THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE

### Outstanding Success

Big 12 student-athletes also do well in garnering national academic recognition. Sarah Pavan (Nebraska) was named Academic All-America of the Year in volleyball in 2006 and 2007 by ESPN The Magazine and College Sports Information Directors of America with a 4.0 grade-point average in Biochemistry. She also won the national academic honor presented for all sports in 2006-07 and was named recipient of the prestigious 2006-07 Honda-Broderick Award as Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year. She is the first athlete since the Big 12 was formed to earn the accolade. In its history, the conference has over 330 academic honorees, averaging more than 25 each season.

The Big 12 can boast of other stories that combine on and off the field success. Patience Knight (Texas Tech) was the recipient of the Honda Inspiration Award in 2008, given to an outstanding female college athlete who overcomes adversity to excel in her sport. She was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in 2007, but rebounded to win All-America honors at the 2008 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships.

Competitive excellence, scholarship and sportsmanship are all equal components of the Big 12 philosophy. All-Big 12 teams and Academic All-Big 12 squads are recognized for each sport at the end of their respective seasons.

At the end of each academic year, the Conference honors its top male and female student-athletes with the Big 12 Athlete of the Year and Big 12 Sportsperson of the Year awards.

Institutions can also nominate student-athletes for the prestigious Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarships at the end of each academic year. A total of 225 scholars have received over 1.3 million in postgraduate financial aid through the first 13 years of the program.

The Big 12 sponsors 21 sports. Men's squads include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, swimming & diving, tennis and wrestling. Women's teams are fielded in basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

The conference is made up of 12 institutions that have shared many traditional rivalries throughout their histories. Member schools include - Baylor University, University of Colorado, Iowa State University, University of Kansas, Kansas State University, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Texas, Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University.

The institutions created a league that encompasses seven states, over 45 million people and television households in 18 of the top 100 markets within its geographic footprint.

The conference conducts championships for 20 of its 21 sports. Each championship helps to determine teams and/or individuals that will represent the Conference in national postseason competition. The winner of the Big 12 football championship game earns the league's berth into the prestigious Bowl Championship Series.

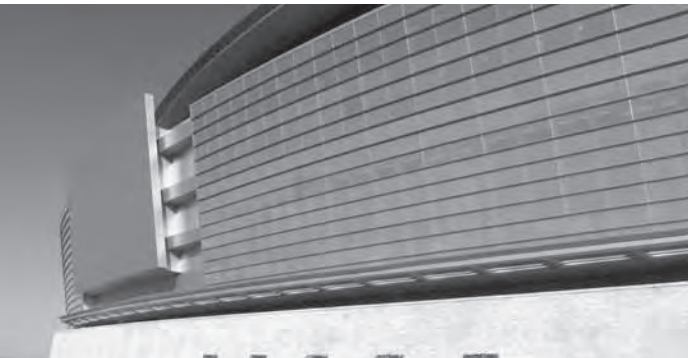
In the last several years the Big 12 has increased its bowl agreements and expanded television opportunities for all sports through contracts with ABC/ESPN and FSN. Most recently, the league renewed and expanded its multi-year arrangement with ABC/ESPN, Inc. The new contract began in 2008-09.

In its first 13 years, the Conference has distributed more than $1.1 billion to its 12 member institutions.

The Big 12 staff administers to over 4,600 student-athletes in 21 sports. The conference office is headquartered in Irving, Texas.

The 2009 Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship will be played in the new $1.2 Billion Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Missouri has played in the Big 12 Championship Game each of the past two seasons, and was spotlighted on ESPN's College Game Day as the #1 team in America in 2007.



# 2009 PREVIEW

## :: 2009 SEASON PREVIEW

### 2009 SQUAD BREAKDOWN

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|---|---|
| **OVERALL** | |
| Starters Returning | 10 |
| Starters Lost | 14 |
| Lettermen Returning | 34 |
| Lettermen Lost | 20 |
| **OFFENSE** | |
| Starters Returning | 5 |
| Starters Lost | 6 |
| Lettermen Returning | 15 |
| Lettermen Lost | 9 |
| **DEFENSE** | |
| Starters Returning | 4 |
| Starters Lost | 7 |
| Lettermen Returning | 18 |
| Lettermen Lost | 10 |
| **SPECIALISTS** | |
| Starters Returning | 1 |
| Starters Lost | 1 |
| Lettermen Returning | 1 |
| Lettermen Lost | 1 |

What to do for an encore? That's a question that is being asked frequently when discussing the Missouri Tiger football program, and understandably so.

Coming off the most successful two-year span in program history (its 22 wins in the last two seasons are surpassed nationally only by USC and Oklahoma), Gary Pinkel and his program face what outsiders believe will be a rebuilding year in 2009. While it's true that a majority of the household names from the past several years have matriculated – stars such as quarterback Chase Daniel, all-purpose phenom Jeremy Maclin, tight end Chase Coffman, defensive tackle Ziggy Hood and safety William Moore – there's a quiet confidence in the Tiger camp about proving that the last two years weren't just a blip on the radar.

While it remains to be seen just where the pundits and prognosticators will slot the Tigers in the Big 12 hierarchy in the 2009 pre-season, those in the Tiger camp expect to build on the success that they've been a key part of in recent years.

The cupboard is far from bare, as Pinkel and his staff – which features new coordinators on both sides of the ball for the first time since coming to Mizzou in 2001 – will go to battle this year with a solid core of proven veterans and a nice blend of some very talented, athletic and developing newcomers. This mixture of experience and potential gives fans among Tiger Nation good reason to eagerly anticipate the 2009 season.

Overall, the Tigers return 10 starters from 2008, including five on offense, four on defense and one specialist. Replacing 14 starters who were such a huge part of those 22 wins over the last two years will undoubtedly be a challenge, but Pinkel says that is also perhaps the most exciting aspect of this particular season.

"The emphasis never really changes, I think what might change is the amount of starters you lose and the urgency to fill those spots and get the depth right in all those areas," Pinkel said. "We had a good spring camp where the focus was for all of the players to fundamentally improve and get better, it's competition for positions, and we're constantly evaluating our depth. It's also important to get players in the right spots on the field to compete. That's what it's all about, that's very typical of what we do," he said.

"We lost more starters this year than we have in the past, but that's also exciting. I think it's fun and I think it presents a lot of opportunities," Pinkel added. "That happened to us a few years ago, and a lot of those guys became great players, All-Conference players; that's kind of the beauty of college football when you have transition," he said.

The "few years ago" Pinkel refers to, came after record-shattering quarterback Brad Smith led Mizzou to a dramatic come-from-behind win in the 2005 Independence Bowl to cap his storybook career. Heading into the 2006 spring season, the outside sentiment was that the program would have trouble maintaining the level of success to which Smith helped guide it. Enter Chase Daniel, who would go on to become the winningest starting quarterback in Mizzou history, with 30 wins from 2006-08.

So just how does Pinkel plan on duplicating that success? Developing the leadership on the team will be a key.

"You don't just automatically carry over leadership from one year to another, each team is completely unique, and it takes hard work by everyone – coaches and players – to make it work," he said.

"One thing that's very positive is that there's been great examples over the last three or four years – and specifically the last two years – of the right type of leadership," he said. "That's been a great visual aid, and we've had a cross-section of different types of leaders. They've also seen the A-B-C's of being a leader and hopefully they'll keep the knowledge going," he said.

"One thing I've noticed is that the teams over the last two years have had a high level of leadership," Pinkel noted. "The current juniors and seniors have really been in more of a minor role before now, because of their age and the strong leadership we've had above them. Now it's interesting to see these guys all of a sudden saying things, doing things, and showing leadership – vocal and by example – as we've been going through the off-season program. That's really encouraging that they look at this as their time and how excited they are about it," he said.

"I think things in the off-season went very well, I really believe that player development is as important as anything we do, and that's the basis for our off-season program," Pinkel said. "We set goals for every

player in strength, speed and quickness and we do a lot of testing throughout. The players worked hard, and that the energy and enthusiasm level was probably as high as it's ever been, so that's very encouraging," he said.

## QUARTERBACKS

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| LETTERMEN RETURNING | |
| None | |
| LETTERMEN LOST | |
| Chase Daniel – 4 | 14 |
| Chase Patton – 1 | |

## OFFENSIVE LINE

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| LETTERMEN RETURNING | |
| Kurtis Gregory – 3 | 14 |
| Tim Barnes – 1 | 14 |
| Elvis Fisher – 1 | 14 |
| Jayson Palmgren – 1 | |
| LETTERMEN LOST | |
| Colin Brown – 3 | 14 |
| Ryan Madison – 3 | 14 |
| Dain Wise – 2 | |

### :: OFFENSE

There's no denying on paper the Tigers do face a challenge in living up to the standard of excellence that its high-flying spread attack has produced over the last few years. Chase Daniel, the 2007 Heisman Trophy finalist, has graduated, as have five other starters, including a pair of consensus 1st-Team All-Americans in 2008 in tight end Chase Coffman and wideout Jeremy Maclin.

But the belief is that the core of people coming back who have already performed at a high level will help ease the learning curve for whichever young quarterback lines up behind center in 2009. The leading candidates include true sophomore Blaine Gabbert and a pair of highly-regarded quarterbacks from the prep ranks in Blaine Dalton and Ashton Glaser.

Returning to the mix is one of the Big 12's top running backs in junior Derrick Washington, who was a 1,000-yard rusher a year ago, and who likely will be called on to carry even more of the load in 2009. He'll have the luxury of working behind an offensive line that returns three starters from a unit that was one of the top in the country last season.

The receiving corps, despite being short of household names such as Coffman and Maclin, still presents proven threats such as seniors Jared Perry and Danario Alexander, to go with youngsters such as sophomore receivers Jerrell Jackson and Wes Kemp and sophomore tight end Andrew Jones – all of whom played as true freshmen in 2008.

### :: QUARTERBACK

Most eyes will be on the quarterback race this spring, following every move of a trio of youngsters who hopes to be the next superstar to follow in the footsteps of Smith and Daniel.

The leader in the clubhouse, so to speak, would be true sophomore Blaine Gabbert, who earned playing time as a true freshman in 2008 – much like Daniel did during Smith's senior season of 2005. Gabbert saw action in five games a year ago, and completed 5-of-13 passes for 43 yards, while he also showed an ability to have an impact with his feet in his limited attempts. Being the only quarterback on the Tiger roster with collegiate experience, Gabbert opens fall camp atop the depth chart.

▲ Gabbert

Gabbert won't be able to coast in the fall, as coaches expect a spirited competition to take place with a pair of highly-touted true freshmen signal callers who both enrolled early at Mizzou and took part in spring ball. Choosing to graduate early from high school and take part in spring drills this year are Blaine Dalton (Blue Springs, Mo.) and Ashton Glaser (Springdale, Ark.). Dalton was the Missouri player of the year in 2008 as he led his team to the state title game, while Glaser earned a reputation as one of the top dual-threat quarterbacks in the nation. They will begin their career at the bottom of the depth, as all newcomers at Mizzou do, and they'll have every opportunity to move their way up.

Sophomore walk-on Jimmy Costello might be the sleeper of the group, but don't let his walk-on status fool you, he's legitimately in the race for playing time at signal caller. Costello begins fall camp at the number two spot. Costello has earned high praise from Coach Pinkel during the off-season for his work ethic and potential to contribute.

"Obviously, Chase Daniel was a very critical player to us who had a great career," said Pinkel. "Even with that, the competition =at quarterback is exciting. Blaine Gabbert played last year as a freshman, and he's really had a good off-season and he's shown a lot of leadership qualities. He'll be a sophomore and he's excited about trying to earn the starting job. Blaine Dalton and Ashton Glaser got a lot out of spring ball and that allows those two freshmen to come in and compete and learn the system and I think it's just a win-win for them and for our football program, because we base everything we do on competition," he said.

"There's no designated player that earns the right to be in a spot, there's no pecking order, it's all based on how guys compete," Pinkel said. "It will be fun to see how these guys compete, when we get into two-a-days and then get into our final preparations. There's a lot of competition at that position and I think it's exciting with three very, very talented players. We also have a walk-on, Jimmy Costello, who's done a great job, too, so I'm excited about that," he said.

### :: OFFENSIVE LINE

The offensive line returns three starters, in senior right guard Kurtis Gregory, junior center Tim Barnes and sophomore left tackle Elvis Fisher.

All three returnees earned all-star honors a year ago as the Tiger offense broke school records hand over fist while ranking in the NCAA top-10 in four major categories, including passing (4th – 330.36 ypg), scoring (6th – 42.21 ppg), total offense (484.14 ypg) and pass efficiency (10th-157.84 rating).

## TAILBACKS

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| **LETTERMEN RETURNING** | |
| Derrick Washington – 2 | 14 |
| De'Vion Moore – 1 | |
| Gilbert Moye – 1 | |
| **LETTERMEN LOST** | |
| Jimmy Jackson – 4 | |

## WIDE RECEIVERS

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| **LETTERMEN RETURNING** | |
| Jared Perry – 3 | 14 |
| Danario Alexander – 3 | 1 |
| Jerrell Jackson – 1 | |
| Wes Kemp – 1 | |
| **LETTERMEN LOST** | |
| Tommy Saunders – 4 | 14 |
| Jeremy Maclin – 2 | 14 |
| Earl Goldsmith – 3 | |

Gregory, who is set for his third year as a starter, is the lynch pin of the line. He was a 2nd-Team All-Big selection a year ago and is in position to contend for national honors in 2009. Barnes took over at center in 2009, filling the big shoes of four-year starter Adam Spieker, and he was outstanding, as he earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 acclaim for his play. Fisher was the pleasant surprise of last year on the offensive line, as the redshirt freshman began the fall as a backup on paper, but played well enough early enough that he was installed as the starter at the ever-important left tackle spot for the season opener. Fisher made all 14 starts and was named a 1st-Team Freshman All-American by several national outlets.

▲ Gregory

Holding down the top spots at right tackle and left guard, respectively, are sophomores Dan Hoch and Austin Wuebbels. Hoch played as a true freshman in 2008 – a rare feat for a first-year player out of high school. He is slated to take over for departed Colin Brown at the right tackle spot, while Wuebbels, who played in 10 games in reserve duty, has the early lead to replace departed three-year starter Ryan Madison on the other side of the line.

Junior Mike Prince (left tackle), and sophomores Jayson Palmgren (left guard) and J.T. Beasley (right guard) give the Tigers three experienced players to battle for positioning on the depth chart, while redshirt freshmen Taylor Davis (left tackle), Travis Ruth (center) and Daniel Jenkins (right guard) will look to earn some playing time by turning in impressive spring camps.

"When you look at the offensive line, we lost two starters from a year ago, and we lost three from the depth overall," Pinkel said. "A year ago, we lost five from the depth, so we're better in that regard, but we've got to sort the depth out. I think we're very solid at the starting spots, the back-up positions are ones that we've got some good young players. They've just got to get in there and compete and we've got to get it solidified," he said.

### :: TAILBACK

Mizzou fans got a glimpse of what tailback Derrick Washington could do during his true freshman season of 2007. They fell in love with him during his outstanding 2008 campaign that saw him earn 2nd-Team All-Big 12 honors after he ran for 1,036 yards and 17 touchdowns. He also proved to be a legitimate receiving threat out of the backfield, as he caught 29 passes for nearly 300 yards and two scores. Washington is the starter and looking to build on what he accomplished a year ago.

▲ Washington

He'll be pushed by sophomore De'Vion Moore, who averaged nearly six yards a carry last season in a reserve role. Moore carried 41 times in all for 231 yards and one touchdown. Moore is coming off a very impressive spring that saw him take a majority of snaps with the number-one offense, as Washington was still working his way back into the flow.

Behind those two on the depth is a newcomer to the position, in sophomore Gilbert Moye, who moves over to the tailback spot after playing safety. Moye was making good strides during spring before a hamstring injury derailed him a bit, but his athleticism gives him a chance to earn some playing time at his new home this season.

"Derrick Washington had some meniscus repaired and he missed some of the spring but it was a good thing to take care of and get him completely healthy," Pinkel said. "He's just continually made himself better, he was a 2nd-Team All-Big 12 guy a year ago and we expect him to continue to work hard and to improve. De'Vion Moore played well last year, so it's exciting to look at the opportunities there for him and see what he can do in a bigger role. I'm also interested in seeing how Gilbert Moye adapts to the new position; he's a very good athlete who we feel like can come in and contribute," he said.

### :: WIDE RECEIVER

Two of three starters at wideout are gone from a year ago, as 2008 Biletnikoff Award finalist Jeremy Maclin (102 receptions, 1,260 yards, 13 touchdowns – all MU single-season records in 2008) and Tommy Saunders (72 catches, 833 yards, 7 touchdowns) take their production with them to the next level.

Looking to fill their void is a pair of proven seniors who have gotten the job done in the past as part of Mizzou's passing attack. Jared Perry (41 receptions, 567 yards, 4 touchdowns in 2008) and Danario Alexander (26 receptions, 329 yards, 5 touchdowns in 2008) will be the "go-to" guys of the receiving corps in 2009. They both were limited in the spring due to off-season procedures done to clean up a shoulder (Perry) and a knee (Alexander). Their prognosis is 100 percent for the fall, and their absence in the spring only benefited a young group of wideouts behind them who are looking to earn more playing time.

Perry opens fall camp atop the depth chart at the X-receiver spot, while Alexander is in the top spot at

## TIGHT ENDS

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| **LETTERMEN RETURNING** | |
| Andrew Jones – 1 | 1 |
| Jon Gissinger – 3 | |
| Michael Egnew – 1 | |
| Beau Brinkley – 1 | |
| **LETTERMEN LOST** | |
| Chase Coffman – 4 | 12 |

the H-receiver spot made famous over the last two years by Maclin. A true sophomore, Wes Kemp, holds down the third starting spot at Z-receiver heading into the fall after he was impressive enough during spring drills to earn the team's Most Improved Wide Receiver award.

Another true sophomore, Jerrell Jackson, opens fall camp right behind Alexander on the depth at the H-receiver spot. Jackson and Kemp were true freshmen in 2008, but the duo showed early on that they were ready to play fresh out of high school, and while their numbers weren't astronomical (Jackson had 9 catches, Kemp 1), the experience they received should speed up their learning curve for 2009.

▲ Perry

Redshirt freshmen Rolandis Woodland and Gahn McGaffie are both expected to work themselves into the playing rotation in 2009. Program veterans Brandon Gerau (sophomore) and Forrest Shock (junior) have proven themselves to be dependable over the years and will compete for playing time as well.

"Jared Perry and Danario Alexander didn't compete in spring football, and that's okay — we obviously know they can play," said Pinkel. "We look at that as a positive because it provided opportunities for a bunch of other guys. Jerrell Jackson played last year as a freshman, Wes Kemp played as a freshman and he did a lot of good things. Rolandis Woodland and Gahn McGaffie both redshirted last year, and are two real quality players, but I think those two starters who didn't play really presented an opportunity for those other guys to get real quality work. Brandon Gerau and Forrest Shock are doing a good job and competing, so we'll see how that sorts out," Pinkel said.

### :: TIGHT END

Talk about big expectations — true sophomore tight end Andrew Jones knows all about that challenge. All he has to do is follow in the footsteps of a pair of tight ends who won consensus 1st-Team All-American honors in back-to-back years in Martin Rucker (2007) and Chase Coffman (2008). Coffman also won the John Mackey Award last year as the nation's top tight end for his season that included 90 receptions for 987 yards and 10 touchdowns.

▲ Jones

Jones, who earned playing time last year as a true freshman, caught 20 passes for 146 yards, and filled in admirably for Coffman when he missed a pair of games in November due to injury. He'll top the fall depth chart in 2009, and is backed up by another very talented true sophomore in Michael Egnew. Egnew caught 4 passes in reserve action as a true freshman, and hopes that his learning curve is accelerated this year due to his playing time a year ago.

Senior Jon Gissinger, who has 41 games of experience under his belt, sits third on the depth chart heading into fall drills, with a group of several hard-working walk-on athletes waiting in the wings to make a move up the depth.

"Andrew Jones played a lot last year as a true freshman, and did a really good job; he did a lot of good things," Pinkel said. "Michael Egnew is a high-level athlete that played also, though he didn't play quite as much. I think the experience for those guys, as it was for Jerrell Jackson and Wes Kemp, will be a positive, and I think that experience will really pay off this year," he added.

### :: DEFENSE

Similar to their offensive counterparts, the Tiger defense will have a new overall look in 2009. The raw numbers show only four starters return from a year ago, but that struggled to match its production in 2007 when it was one of the top defenses in the Big 12 Conference. A deeper look at the figures shows, however, four additional veterans who have previous starting experience, and as many as nine first-year players or newcomers who have coaches brimming with enthusiasm.

Up front, three of four starters are gone, including NFL draft picks Ziggy Hood and Stryker Sulak, who both ended their careers on Mizzou's career quarterback sacks top-10 list (Sulak was second, Hood 10th). The sole returning starter is senior noseguard Jaron Baston, who emerged in 2008 as his first year as a starter. His leadership will be a key as he anchors what will be a very young line overall.

▲ Weatherspoon

The middle of the field looks to be the strength of the Tiger defense, and all eyes turn to senior weakside linebacker Sean Weatherspoon to lead the way. "Spoon" emerged as arguably the best linebacker in the Big 12 Conference in 2008. He'll begin the 2009 season on the short list of candidates for All-American and national award honors.

Joining Weatherspoon for his second year as a projected starter is junior Luke Lambert, who will patrol the middle linebacker spot after starting nine games at the strongside spot a year ago.

## DEFENSIVE LINE

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| **LETTERMEN RETURNING** | |
| Jaron Baston – 3 | 14 |
| Jacquies Smith – 1 | 1 |
| Brian Coulter – 1 | |
| Dominique Hamilton – 1 | |
| Chris Earnhardt – 1 | |
| Terrell Resonno – 1 | |
| **LETTERMEN LOST** | |
| Ziggy Hood – 4 | 14 |
| Stryker Sulak – 4 | 14 |
| Tommy Chavis – 3 | 13 |

The secondary returns technically just one starter, in junior corner Carl Gettis, but he's joined by three others who have started games in their career previously, in senior safety Hardy Ricks (12 career starts), senior safety Del Howard (2 career starts) and sophomore safety Kenji Jackson (made 5 starts as a true freshman in 2008).

### :: DEFENSIVE LINE

Senior nose tackle Jaron Baston leads the charge in the trenches for Mizzou in 2009. He's the sole returning starter from the previous season, and his play a year ago (49 tackles, 8.0 tackles for loss, 3 turnovers gained) makes him the clear leader on the defensive line.

The rest of the depth up front is strikingly young, with a quartet of sophomores coming back who gained valuable playing experience a year ago. At one defensive end position, true sophomore Jacquies Smith returns after an outstanding rookie year that saw him notch 46 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss and a sack, playing in all 14 games. He even started once in 2008 when regular Tommy Chavis was banged up.

▲ Baston

He's joined in the number one group at tackle by sophomore Terrell Resonno, who had 13 tackles in 14 games last year in reserve action. Resonno was the understudy during the last two years to Ziggy Hood, who was a 1st-round selection in April's NFL Draft. Dominique Hamilton is another sophomore who is listed second on the depth at nose tackle behind Baston.

The other returnee with experience on the line is sophomore Chris Earnhardt, who played in seven games and was credited with 17 tackles and two quarterback hurries. Earnhardt is listed second on the depth behind Resonno.

Senior Brian Coulter is the starter at the other end position, and he's ready to let loose after an injury-plagued first season as a Tiger in 2008. Coulter, a highly-coveted junior college transfer, made nice contributions to the line in 2008, as he had very productive numbers in 12 games despite not being 100 percent healthy. He notched 29 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, 3.0 quarterback sacks and 2 forced fumbles. He looks to wreak havoc against opposing backfields this fall.

▲ Coulter

Listed second on the depth at defensive end, just behind Jacquies Smith, is Aldon Smith (no relation) from Raytown, Mo. Smith came to Mizzou in 2008 and got hung up in NCAA clearinghouse red tape, which delayed his arrival for fall camp. Tiger coaches were able to preserve his redshirt a year ago, but could tell virtually immediately that he was someone who would be an impact player whenever he had his opportunity. Coaches will be eagerly seeing what he can do on the field, and if he repeats this fall what he did this spring, Tiger fans will soon look at him as one of their favorites.

Junior Bart Coslet has moved inside to defensive tackle from the end position he's played previously. He'll be battling with senior Andy Maples and redshirt freshman George White for position on the depth here. Maples broke a foot early in the 2008 season, and that kept him out after just one game, so he's looking to finish his last season at Mizzou with a bang. He begins fall listed second on the depth at nose, with White third and Coslet fourth at the tackle spot. White had off-season surgery done on a shoulder, so his status for the spring was limited.

Three more redshirt freshmen are on the line to give the Tigers what coaches feel is increased overall athleticism. Included in that mix is Marcus Malbrough and Brad Madison (the younger brother of former Tiger offensive lineman Ryan Madison) at one end position, and Jimmy Burge at the nose tackle spot.

"First of all, we've got Brian Coulter, a defensive end who played a lot last year. He's got a lot of natural ability and his work ethic is really strong," Pinkel said.

"At defensive tackle, Jaron Baston, Terrell Resonno, Dominique Hamilton have all played, Andy Maples played a little bit last year, was hurt with that Jones fracture. Jimmy Burge is a freshman who redshirted, we've got him in there competing and Bart Coslet also is getting bigger, and that's the best position for him on our team," Pinkel said.

"Defensive end wise, Chris Earnhardt is back, which we're very pleased about, and when you put him with Aldon Smith, Jacquies Smith and Marcus Malbrough, that gives us probably as good a group of four athletes as we've ever had at defensive end," Pinkel said. "We're going to be asking a lot from those guys, that they compete. Jacquies has played a lot, last year as a freshman, and certainly that experience will pay off for him as he gets into fall camp," Pinkel said.

"We feel like George White, a tackle who redshirted, has the ability to contribute. I think he will have an impact in the depth, so we're looking forward to getting him healthy," Pinkel said.

## LINEBACKERS

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| **LETTERMEN RETURNING** | |
| Sean Weatherspoon – 3 | 14 |
| Luke Lambert – 2 | 10 |
| Andrew Gachkar – 2 | |
| Jeff Gettys – 2 | |
| Tyler Crane – 1 | |
| Will Ebner – 1 | |
| **LETTERMEN LOST** | |
| Brock Christopher – 4 | 14 |
| Van Alexander – 4 | |
| Steve Redmond – 3 | |

## CORNERBACKS

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| **LETTERMEN RETURNING** | |
| Carl Gettis – 2 | 14 |
| Kevin Rutland – 2 | |
| Trey Hobson –1 | |
| **LETTERMEN LOST** | |
| Castine Bridges – 2 | 13 |
| Tru Vaughns – 2 | 1 |

### :: LINEBACKERS

The linebacking corps benefits from the return of two proven starters, and all the talk starts with All-American hopeful Sean Weatherspoon at the weakside spot. Weatherspoon became one of the top players at his position in the nation a year ago, and his return will be crucial to providing play-making ability and leadership to a young defense overall. Behind Weatherspoon is sophomore Tyler Crane, who made the move to linebacker while taking a redshirt in 2008 (after playing defensive end as a true freshman in 2007).

▲ Lambert

Weatherspoon is joined by junior Luke Lambert as a returning starter, after Lambert made nine starts a year ago at the strongside linebacker position. He moves to his more natural middle linebacker spot this season, due to the departure of Brock Christopher.

Junior Andrew Gachkar owns the top spot on the depth chart at the strongside spot coming into fall ball. Gachkar overcame a health issue that forced him to miss the previous spring practice period, and continued his outstanding special teams play (28 tackles in 14 games), while earning more experience in defensive situations.

Joining him on the depth is redshirt freshman Zaviar Gooden, who moves to linebacker after spending his first year in the Tiger program at safety. Gooden is one of the top overall athletes on the team. Also jockeying for position on the depth here is junior Jeff Gettys, who has been a special teams standout the past two years, and true freshman Andrew Wilson, whose father, Jay, was a star linebacker for the Tigers in the 1980s.

Competition at middle linebacker was fun to watch this spring, as Lambert was pushed by hard-hitting sophomore Will Ebner, who showed that he's ready to step into a more prominent role in 2009. Ebner played in 2008 as a true freshman, and earned a reputation as being one of the hardest hitters on the team.

Rounding out the depth chart is junior college newcomer Josh Tatum, who enters fall camp listed third on the depth at the weakside spot. Tatum was part of Mizzou's 2009 recruiting class, and he took part in spring drills, but a back injury kept him bottled up most of the spring. If the highly-coveted athlete can get healthy in time for fall camp, look for him to provide an instant impact at Mizzou.

"Sean Weatherspoon right now is running faster than he's ever run, he's stronger than he's ever been, his leadership was exceptional a year ago as a junior, and that continues to be a great positive influence on our football team," Pinkel said. "Tyler Crane is backing him up right now. Luke Lambert started a year ago, and is back, and we've got Andrew Gachkar. A year ago, he missed spring football because of his unfortunate nerve problem, but he's back now and he's close to 230 and he looks like a force," he said.

"Will Ebner played as a true freshman last year and did some real good things; he'll be a factor in there," Pinkel said. "Jeff Gettys is doing a good job, and then you've got Josh Tatum and Andrew Wilson who both have a chance to get in the depth and compete, and we'll see how that all sorts out. Zaviar Gooden is a freshman who redshirted last year; a lot of people don't know about him, but he's a very talented young guy," he said.

▲ Gettis

### :: CORNERBACKS

The Tiger cornerbacks feature returning starter Carl Gettis, who continued his development a year ago as one of the top edge players in the league (78 tackles, 4 pass breakups in 14 starts). He'll be joined by a mix of five other returnees and first-year players whom coaches feel gives the team the best collective group of athletes they've had at the position.

Joining the fray at this spot in 2009 is Munir Prince, who becomes eligible to see the field after sitting out the 2008 season after transferring to Mizzou from Notre Dame. Prince brings blazing speed to the mix as he'll look to compete for the starting job. He had a solid spring camp and enters the fall listed second on the depth behind Gettis.

Also in the mix here is redshirt freshman Robert Steeples, who enters fall camp listed third on the depth chart. Steeples is a highly-regarded athlete who made good impressions in 2008 during the season.

On the other side of the field, junior speedster Kevin Rutland holds down the top spot on the depth chart going into fall drills. Rutland, who is one of the fastest players on the team, developed nicely in reserve action a year ago. He'll be pushed by redshirt freshman Kip Edwards, who had a strong spring session that placed him second on the depth entering the 2009 season. Pushing for playing time here as well is junior Trey Hobson, who is one of the more physical corners the Tigers have had in awhile.

"Athletically we're very excited about the potential here," Pinkel said. "You've got Kevin Rutland, Trey Hobson, and Carl Gettis who have all played and done good things. You've got Munir Prince who is ready to go now with two years of eligibility after coming here from Notre Dame.

## SAFETIES

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| LETTERMEN RETURNING | |
| Kenji Jackson – 1 | 3 |
| Del Howard – 3 | 2 |
| Hardy Ricks – 3 | |
| LETTERMEN LOST | |
| Justin Garrett – 2 | 14 |
| William Moore – 4 | 12 |

## KICKERS

| Name – Years Lettered | 2008 starts |
|---|---|
| LETTERMEN RETURNING | |
| Jake Harry – 1 | 14 @ P |
| LETTERMEN LOST | |
| Jeff Wolfert – 3 | 14 @ PK |

Robert Steeples and Kip Edwards are two high level freshmen we have who are very, very athletic, so we have six corners overall who we feel will make it very, very, competitive. We'll see how that sorts out, but that's certainly encouraging from a depth standpoint," Pinkel said.

### :: SAFETIES

The last line of defense, the Tiger safeties, will be a new-look unit in 2009, after losing NFL hopeful William Moore and two-year starter Justin Garrett to graduation. They'll be hard to replace, certainly, but there's a group mixed with three veterans who have starting experience, and a promising newcomer who is ready to shore things up here.

▲ Ricks

At strong safety, senior Hardy Ricks is back looking to lock down the starting spot. Ricks is Mizzou's most experienced safety, with 12 career starts over the previous three seasons, and is a fearless hitter who has been known to separate a receiver or two from the ball when they've come across the middle.

At free safety, true sophomore Kenji Jackson stands on top of the depth chart heading into fall drills. Jackson developed quickly enough in 2008 as a true freshman to become one of the Tigers' top safeties, as he made starts in three of the last five games of the year. Despite his youth, Jackson ended the year as MU's 7th-leading tackler.

Behind Jackson on the depth is senior Del Howard, who has started two games in his career. Howard had 41 tackles and a pass break up a year ago, and his experience will be called upon in 2009 once again to help shore up a young Tiger secondary.

A newcomer will look to make impressions this spring and work his way into the rotation at strong safety, in junior college transfer Jarrell Harrison. Harrison was a junior college teammate of Tiger linebacker Josh Tatum at City College of San Francisco, and was one of the top JUCO safeties in the country. He's expected to challenge for playing time right away in 2009,.

"Hardy Ricks has played significantly and done some good things for us. Kenji Jackson started toward the end of the year last year and really came along nicely, and Del Howard has been a starter over the years, so we've got some experienced guys coming back here," Pinkel said. "Jarrell Harrison is a junior college transfer who came in right away and had a really good spring camp, which is beneficial," he said.

### :: SPECIALISTS

Last, but certainly not least, the specialist positions of kicker, punter and long snapper, which have been such a big part of the Tiger success. Placekicker Jeff Wolfert left holding the NCAA career accuracy record. That, obviously, will be tough to replace, but with some strong-legged kickers waiting in the wings in Tanner Mills and Trey Barrow, there are plenty of possibilities.

The punting duties look to be shored up by senior and returning starter Jake Harry. The California native transferred to Mizzou two years ago and started last year. He averaged over 40 yards per kick, despite sporadic work due to Mizzou's prolific offense. His net average and ability to exchange field position was encouraging, and coaches expect him to improve in 2009 as his comfort level increases with experience.

The Tiger special teams will benefit from long snapper Beau Brinkley, who walked on and won the job as a true freshman. Brinkley was essentially perfect on his snaps all year long on both placekicks and punts, so the position looks to be in good hands for a long time – a luxury indeed.

"I was very pleased last year with Jake Harry and his punting. Our net punting was as good as its been, and we're excited about the punt scheme we did a year ago," Pinkel said of the rugby-style rollout kicks that MU often employed in 2008. "Certainly, we're going to be looking for a backup at the punting position, but I expect Jake to get better and see where it goes," he said.

▲ Harry

"Having Beau Brinkley back as our snapper for the next three years means I can breathe easy," Pinkel joked. "His snapping was perfect for the entire year, and he did an exceptional job. They don't have all-conference awards for snappers; the best guys are the ones some people take for granted, but guess what, we've got a great one and I don't take him for granted at all," he said.

"In terms of kicking, Tanner Mills and Trey Barrow had some good competition this spring, and Grant Ressel is another guy in the mix," Pinkel said. "I think we've seen enough there to feel that the competition is going to be good. Obviously, there are big shoes to fill, we certainly understand that, after losing one of the best kickers in the country. But we look at it as an opportunity for one of these guys to go out and win the job," he said.

So with that, Pinkel summed it up like this:

"We've got a lot of competition on our team. We're going to be young but we've got some exciting talent," he said. "It's certainly challenging, but this is a fun time for me because it's all about learning. We have less experience, but certainly I think we have a lot of talent, so it's our job to coach them up and get them ready to play."

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| No. | Last | First | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (HS/Previous College) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 81 | Alexander | Danario*** | WR | 6-5 | 215 | Sr. | Marlin, Texas |
| 34 | Andi | Gregory | WR | 6-2 | 195 | RSFr. | San Antonio, Texas (Taft) |
| 62 | Barnes | Tim* | OL | 6-4 | 310 | Jr. | Longwood, Mo. (Pettis County Northwest) |
| 97 | Barrow | Trey | PK | 6-1 | 185 | RSFr. | Moberly, Mo. |
| 96 | Baston | Jaron*** | DL | 6-1 | 305 | Sr. | Blue Springs, Mo. |
| 67 | Beasley | J.T. | OL | 6-4 | 295 | So. | Dyersburg, Tenn. |
| 56 | Birdwell | John | OL | 6-6 | 265 | RSFr. | La Monte, Mo. (Green Ridge) |
| 9 | Bolden | Tavon | LB | 6-2 | 210 | Fr. | Houston, Texas (Aldine) |
| 10 | Bonner | Donovan | LB | 6-2 | 230 | Fr. | Dallas, Texas (Lincoln) |
| 86 | Brinkley | Beau* | TE | 6-5 | 230 | So. | Kearney, Mo. |
| 68 | Britt | Justin | OL | 6-6 | 270 | Fr. | Lebanon, Mo. |
| 20 | Brockway | Charlie | S | 6-1 | 200 | RSFr. | Cuba, Mo. |
| 76 | Brown | Quinn | OL | 6-3 | 245 | So. | Braymer, Mo. |
| 43 | Buhr | Tony | DB | 5-11 | 185 | So. | St. Louis, Mo. (School of the Osage) |
| 91 | Burge | Jimmy | DL | 6-2 | 285 | RSFr. | Houston, Texas (Stratford) |
| 95 | Burnett | Brayden | DL | 6-3 | 240 | Fr. | Southlake, Texas (Carroll) |
| 47 | Burton | Adam | LB | 6-2 | 235 | Fr. | Lee's Summit, Mo. (West) |
| 14 | Clark | Jaleel | WR | 6-5 | 210 | Fr. | Allentown, Pa. (Parkland) |
| 98 | Coslet | Bart | DL | 6-5 | 260 | Jr. | St. Peters, Mo. (Francis Howell Central) |
| 12 | Costello | Jimmy | QB | 6-3 | 225 | So. | Liberty, Mo. |
| 2 | Coulter | Brian* | DE | 6-4 | 250 | Sr. | Baker, La. (Pearl River JC) |
| 39 | Crane | Tyler* | LB | 6-3 | 230 | So. | Allen, Texas |
| 25 | Culver | Jared | TB | 5-11 | 245 | RSFr. | Downers Grove, Ill. (South) |
| 7 | Dalton | Blaine | QB | 6-0 | 195 | Fr. | Blue Springs, Mo. (South) |
| 35 | Davis | Matt | TB | 6-1 | 200 | Jr. | Eldon, Mo. (School of the Osage) |
| 79 | Davis | Taylor | OL | 6-4 | 295 | RSFr. | Plano, Texas (Prestonwood Christian Academy) |
| 80 | Dennis | Terry | WR | 6-3 | 205 | So. | Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar) |
| 58 | Donaldson | Brendan | OL | 6-2 | 295 | So. | St. Joseph, Mo. (Central) |
| 38 | Earnhardt | Chris* | DL | 6-5 | 270 | So. | Springfield, Mo. (Hillcrest) |
| 32 | Ebner | Will* | LB | 6-1 | 230 | So. | Friendswood, Texas |
| 1 | Edwards | Kip | DB | 6-1 | 200 | RSFr. | Arlington, Texas (Bowie) |
| 82 | Egnew | Michael* | TE | 6-6 | 230 | So. | Plainview, Texas |
| 51 | Ellis | Mark | DL | 6-2 | 270 | Sr. | Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar) |
| 26 | Evans | Ryan | DB | 5-9 | 185 | So. | Houston, Texas (Episcopal) |
| 72 | Fisher | Elvis* | OL | 6-5 | 300 | So. | Saint Petersburg, Fla. (Catholic) |
| 94 | Foster | Marvin | DL | 6-2 | 265 | Fr. | Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley) |
| 70 | Freeman | Chris | OL | 6-8 | 350 | Fr. | Trotwood, Ohio (Madison) |
| 11 | Gabbert | Blaine | QB | 6-5 | 240 | So. | Ballwin, Mo. (Parkway West) |
| 6 | Gachkar | Andrew** | LB | 6-3 | 235 | Jr. | Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West) |
| 16 | Gerau | Brandon | WR | 6-0 | 175 | So. | Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge) |
| 19 | Gettis | Carl** | DB | 5-11 | 195 | Jr. | O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt West) |
| 35 | Gettys | Jeff** | LB | 6-3 | 235 | Jr. | Houston, Mo. (Houston R-1) |
| 43 | Gissinger | Jon*** | TE | 6-3 | 250 | Sr. | San Diego, Calif. (Poway) |
| 16 | Glaser | Ashton | QB | 6-0 | 220 | Fr. | Springdale, Ark. |
| 21 | Gooden | Zaviar | LB | 6-2 | 225 | RSFr. | Pflugerville, Texas |
| 99 | Grabner | Matt | P | 6-4 | 200 | So. | Alton, Ill. (Marquette Catholic HS/Ole Miss) |
| 78 | Gregory | Kurtis*** | OL | 6-5 | 305 | Sr. | Blackburn, Mo. (Santa Fe) |
| 90 | Hamilton | Dominique* | DL | 6-6 | 300 | So. | El Paso, Texas (Chapin) |
| 33 | Hamilton | Levi | TE | 5-11 | 210 | Sr. | Rolla, Mo. |
| 11 | Harrison | Jarrell | S | 6-2 | 220 | Jr. | Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde HS/CC of San Fran.) |
| 36 | Harry IV | Jake* | P | 6-1 | 195 | Sr. | Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif. (Torrey Pines HS/Palomar JC) |
| 73 | Hill | Mark | OL | 6-6 | 260 | Fr. | Branson, Mo. |
| 31 | Hobson | Trey* | DB | 5-11 | 190 | So. | Stanley, Kan. (Blue Valley) |

## Numerical Roster

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kip Edwards | DB |
| 2 | Brian Coulter | DE |
| 2 | L'Damian Washington | WR |
| 3 | Gahn McGaffie | WR |
| 3 | Jacquies Smith | DL |
| 4 | Jared Perry | WR |
| 4 | Hardy Ricks | S |
| 5 | Josh Tatum | LB |
| 5 | Rolandis Woodland | WR |
| 6 | Andrew Gachkar | LB |
| 7 | Blaine Dalton | QB |
| 7 | Munir Prince | DB |
| 8 | Wes Kemp | WR |
| 8 | T.J. Moe | WR |
| 9 | Tavon Bolden | LB |
| 9 | Kerwin Stricker | WR |
| 10 | Donovan Bonner | LB |
| 10 | Gilbert Moye | TB |
| 10 | Jasper Simmons | S |
| 11 | Blaine Gabbert | QB |
| 11 | Jarrell Harrison | S |
| 12 | Jimmy Costello | QB |
| 12 | Sean Weatherspoon | LB |
| 13 | Kenji Jackson | DB |
| 14 | Jaleel Clark | WR |
| 14 | Owen Lenander | QB |
| 14 | Matt White | S |
| 15 | Del Howard | S |
| 16 | Brandon Gerau | WR |
| 16 | Ashton Glaser | QB |
| 17 | Marvin Norman | TE |
| 18 | Marcus Malbrough | DL |
| 19 | Carl Gettis | DB |
| 20 | Charlie Brockway | S |
| 20 | Kevin Rutland | DB |
| 21 | Zaviar Gooden | LB |
| 22 | Robert Steeples | DB |
| 24 | Derrick Washington | TB |
| 25 | Jared Culver | TB |
| 26 | Ryan Evans | DB |
| 26 | De'Vion Moore | TB |
| 29 | Jerrell Jackson | WR |
| 30 | Kendial Lawrence | TB |
| 31 | Trey Hobson | DB |
| 32 | Will Ebner | LB |
| 33 | Levi Hamilton | TE |
| 33 | Luke Lambert | LB |
| 34 | Gregory Andi | WR |
| 34 | John Moore | S |
| 35 | Matt Davis | TB |
| 35 | Jeff Gettys | LB |
| 36 | Jake Harry IV | P |
| 38 | Chris Earnhardt | DL |
| 39 | Tyler Crane | LB |
| 43 | Tony Buhr | DB |
| 43 | Jon Gissinger | TE |
| 46 | Sheldon Richardson | TE |
| 46 | Curt Roth | WR |
| 47 | Adam Burton | LB |
| 48 | Andrew Wilson | LB |
| 49 | Chris Willett | TE |
| 51 | Mark Ellis | DL |
| 51 | Ty Phillips | DL |
| 52 | Michael Sam | DL |
| 53 | Travis Ruth | OL |
| 55 | Daniel Jenkins | OL |
| 56 | John Birdwell | OL |
| 57 | Brad Madison | DL |
| 58 | Brendan Donaldson | OL |
| 62 | Tim Barnes | OL |
| 63 | Ryan Schleusner | OL |
| 65 | Mike Prince | OL |
| 66 | Austin Wuebbels | OL |
| 67 | J.T. Beasley | OL |
| 68 | Justin Britt | OL |
| 69 | Jack Meiners | OL |
| 70 | Chris Freeman | OL |
| 71 | Jayson Palmgren | OL |
| 72 | Elvis Fisher | OL |
| 73 | Mark Hill | OL |
| 74 | Kirk Lakebrink | OL |
| 76 | Quinn Brown | OL |
| 77 | Dan Hoch | OL |
| 78 | Kurtis Gregory | OL |
| 79 | Taylor Davis | OL |
| 80 | Terry Dennis | WR |
| 81 | Danario Alexander | WR |
| 82 | Michael Egnew | TE |
| 84 | Joe Plevel | LB |
| 84 | Alex Sanders | TE |
| 85 | Aldon Smith | DL |
| 86 | Beau Brinkley | TE |
| 87 | Andrew Jones | TE |
| 88 | Forrest Shock | WR |
| 88 | Byron Smith | S |
| 90 | Dominique Hamilton | DL |
| 91 | Jimmy Burge | DL |
| 91 | Tanner Mills | K/P |
| 92 | Andy Maples | DL |
| 93 | Andy Loyd | TE |
| 93 | Terrell Resonno | DL |
| 94 | Marvin Foster | DL |
| 95 | Brayden Burnett | DL |
| 95 | Grant Ressel | K/P |
| 96 | Jaron Baston | DL |
| 97 | Trey Barrow | PK |
| 98 | Bart Coslet | DL |
| 99 | Matt Grabner | P |
| 99 | George White | DL |

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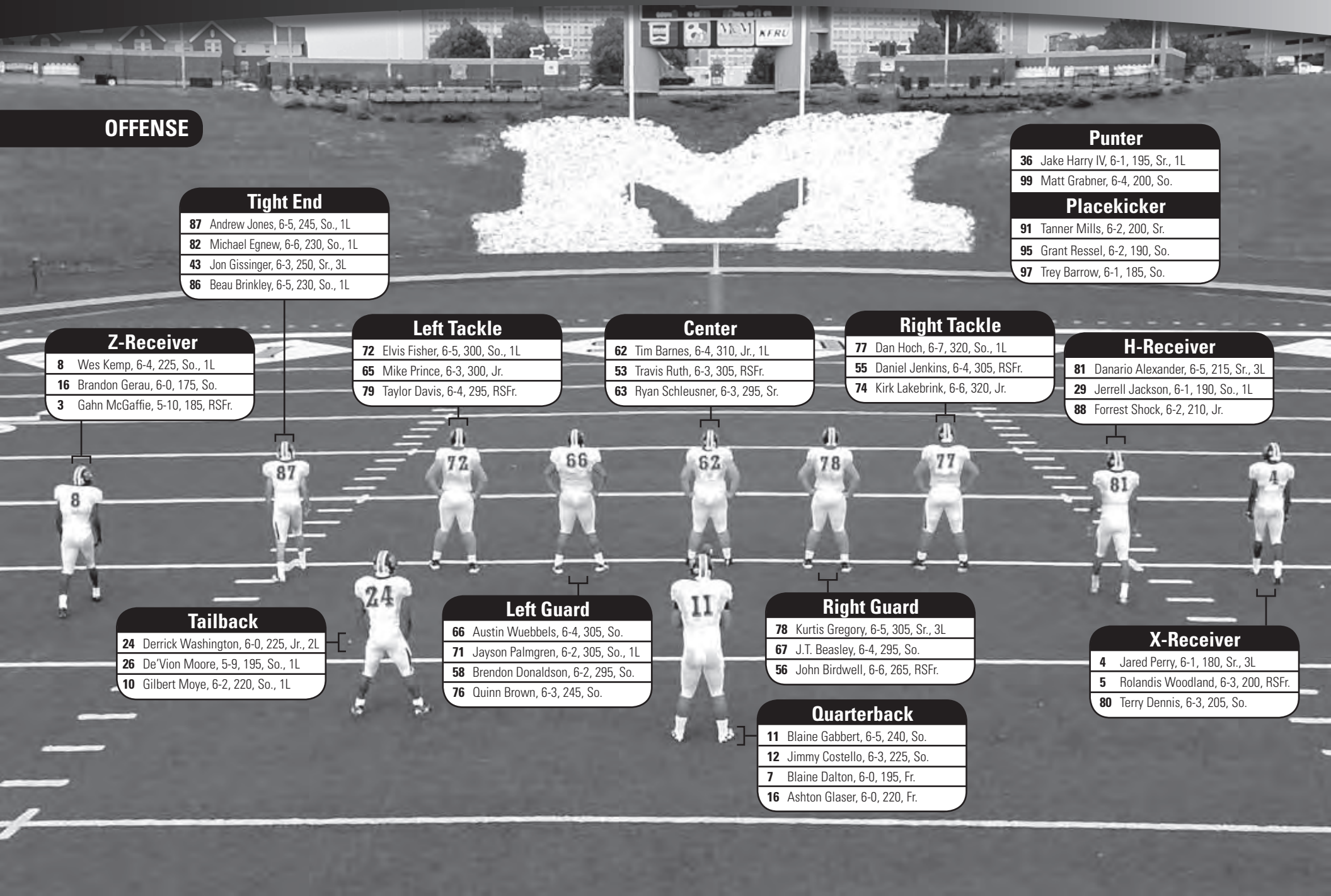
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | Hoch | Dan* | OL | 6-7 | 320 | So. | Harlan, Iowa |
| 15 | Howard | Del*** | S | 5-11 | 200 | Sr. | Dallas, Texas (South Garland) |
| 29 | Jackson | Jerrell* | WR | 6-1 | 190 | So. | Houston, Texas (Jefferson Davis) |
| 13 | Jackson | Kenji* | DB | 5-10 | 195 | So. | Mansfield, Texas |
| 55 | Jenkins | Daniel | OL | 6-4 | 305 | RSFr. | Gilmer, Texas |
| 87 | Jones | Andrew* | TE | 6-5 | 245 | So. | Smithville, Mo. |
| 8 | Kemp | Wes* | WR | 6-4 | 225 | So. | St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet) |
| 74 | Lakebrink | Kirk | OL | 6-6 | 320 | Jr. | Liberty, Mo. (Liberty/Drake Univ.) |
| 33 | Lambert | Luke** | LB | 6-3 | 235 | Jr. | Brookfield, Mo. |
| 30 | Lawrence | Kendial | TB | 5-9 | 185 | Fr. | Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall-Heath) |
| 14 | Lenander | Owen | QB | 6-3 | 210 | RSFr. | St. Joseph, Mo. (Central) |
| 93 | Loyd | Andy | TE | 6-4 | 245 | Jr. | Branson, Mo. |
| 57 | Madison | Brad | DL | 6-4 | 260 | RSFr. | Bethany, Mo. (South Harrison) |
| 18 | Malbrough | Marcus | DL | 6-5 | 255 | RSFr. | Beaumont, Texas (Westbrook) |
| 92 | Maples | Andy | DL | 6-4 | 310 | Sr. | Lester, Ala. (West Limestone HS/Col. of Sequioias) |
| 3 | McGaffie | Gahn | WR | 5-10 | 185 | RSFr. | Galena Park, Texas |
| 69 | Meiners | Jack | OL | 6-6 | 305 | Fr. | St. Louis, Mo. (Chaminade Prep) |
| 91 | Mills | Tanner | K/P | 6-2 | 200 | Sr. | Columbia, Mo. (Rock Bridge/Columbia Col.) |
| 8 | Moe | T.J. | WR | 6-0 | 190 | Fr. | O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt West) |
| 26 | Moore | De'Vion* | TB | 5-9 | 195 | So. | St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood Central) |
| 34 | Moore | John | S | 6-3 | 230 | RSFr. | O'Fallon, Mo. |
| 10 | Moye | Gilbert* | TB | 6-2 | 220 | So. | Jasper, Texas (Diboll [TX]) |
| 17 | Norman | Marvin | TE | 6-2 | 240 | So. | Steger, Ill. (East) |
| 71 | Palmgren | Jayson* | OL | 6-2 | 305 | So. | Kansas City, Mo. (North Kansas City) |
| 4 | Perry | Jared*** | WR | 6-1 | 180 | Sr. | La Marque, Texas |
| 51 | Phillips | Ty | DL | 6-3 | 250 | Fr. | East St. Louis, Ill. |
| 84 | Plevel | Joe | LB | 6-0 | 205 | RSFr. | St. Louis, Mo. (Holt) |
| 65 | Prince | Mike | OL | 6-3 | 300 | Jr. | Southlake, Texas (Carroll) |
| 7 | Prince | Munir | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Jr. | St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet/Notre Dame) |
| 93 | Resonno | Terrell* | DL | 6-6 | 295 | So. | Jefferson City, Mo. |
| 95 | Ressel | Grant | K/P | 6-2 | 190 | So. | Jackson, Mo. |
| 46 | Richardson | Sheldon | TE | 6-4 | 275 | Fr. | St. Louis, Mo. (Gateway Tech) |
| 4 | Ricks | Hardy*** | S | 6-0 | 200 | Sr. | St. Louis, Mo. (Brentwood) |
| 46 | Roth | Curt | WR | 6-2 | 220 | RSFr. | St. Genevieve, Mo. |
| 53 | Ruth | Travis | OL | 6-3 | 305 | RSFr. | Jefferson City, Mo. |
| 20 | Rutland | Kevin** | DB | 6-0 | 195 | Jr. | Houston, Texas (North Shore) |
| 52 | Sam | Michael | DL | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | Hitchcock, Texas |
| 84 | Sanders | Alex | TE | 6-5 | 225 | Fr. | Springfield, Mo. (Glendale) |
| 63 | Schleusner | Ryan | OL | 6-3 | 295 | Sr. | Maryville, Mo. |
| 88 | Shock | Forrest | WR | 6-2 | 210 | Jr. | Osage Beach, Mo. (Camdenton R-III) |
| 10 | Simmons | Jasper | S | 6-1 | 205 | Jr. | Pensacola, Fla. (Washington HS/Hutchinson CC) |
| 85 | Smith | Aldon | DL | 6-5 | 255 | RSFr. | Raytown, Mo. |
| 88 | Smith | Byron | S | 6-1 | 190 | So. | Sugarland, Texas (Austin) |
| 3 | Smith | Jacquies* | DL | 6-4 | 250 | So. | Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff) |
| 22 | Steeples | Robert | DB | 6-1 | 195 | RSFr. | St. Louis, Mo. (DeSmet) |
| 9 | Stricker | Kerwin | WR | 6-2 | 195 | Fr. | Washington, Mo. |
| 5 | Tatum | Josh | LB | 6-1 | 235 | Jr. | Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds HS/CC of San Fran.) |
| 24 | Washington | Derrick** | TB | 6-0 | 225 | Jr. | Raymore, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar) |
| 2 | Washington | L'Damian | WR | 6-4 | 180 | Fr. | Shreveport, La. (Green Oaks) |
| 12 | Weatherspoon | Sean*** | LB | 6-2 | 245 | Sr. | Jasper, Texas |
| 99 | White | George | DL | 6-4 | 280 | RSFr. | Flint, Mich. (Carman-Ainsworth HS/Harmony Prep) |
| 14 | White | Matt | S | 6-0 | 180 | Fr. | Keller, Texas |
| 49 | Willett | Chris | TE | 6-2 | 225 | RSFr. | Liberty, Mo. |
| 48 | Wilson | Andrew | LB | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar) |
| 5 | Woodland | Rolandis | WR | 6-3 | 200 | RSFr. | St. Louis, Mo. (Rockwood Summit HS/Harmony Prep) |
| 66 | Wuebbels | Austin | OL | 6-4 | 305 | So. | Troy, Ill. (Triad) |

## :: MIZZOU FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

| | |
|---|---|
| **Gary Pinkel** | Head Coach |
| **Cornell Ford** | Cornerbacks |
| **Josh Henson** | Co-Offensive Line |
| **Andy Hill** | Receivers |
| **Brian Jones** | Running Backs |
| **Craig Kuligowski** | Defensive Line |
| **Barry Odom** | Safeties |
| **Dave Steckel** | Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers |
| **Bruce Walker** | Co-Offensive Line |
| **David Yost** | Offensive Coordinator<br>Quarterbacks/Recruiting Coordinator |
| **Nick Otterbacher** | Director of Football Recruiting |
| **Dan Hopkins** | Director of Football Operations |
| **Brandon Barnes** | Offensive Graduate Assistant |
| **Atiba Bradley** | Defensive Graduate Assistant |
| **Trevor Rubly** | Defensive Quality Control Graduate Assistant |
| **Marcus Yokeley** | Offensive Quality Control Graduate Assistant |
| **Joe Leibner** | Administrative Graduate Assistant |

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## OFFENSE



### Punter

| | |
|---|---|
| **36** | Jake Harry IV, 6-1, 195, Sr., 1L |
| **99** | Matt Grabner, 6-4, 200, So. |

### Placekicker

| | |
|---|---|
| **91** | Tanner Mills, 6-2, 200, Sr. |
| **95** | Grant Ressel, 6-2, 190, So. |
| **97** | Trey Barrow, 6-1, 185, So. |

### Tight End

| | |
|---|---|
| **87** | Andrew Jones, 6-5, 245, So., 1L |
| **82** | Michael Egnew, 6-6, 230, So., 1L |
| **43** | Jon Gissinger, 6-3, 250, Sr., 3L |
| **86** | Beau Brinkley, 6-5, 230, So., 1L |

### Z-Receiver

| | |
|---|---|
| **8** | Wes Kemp, 6-4, 225, So., 1L |
| **16** | Brandon Gerau, 6-0, 175, So. |
| **3** | Gahn McGaffie, 5-10, 185, RSFr. |

### Left Tackle

| | |
|---|---|
| **72** | Elvis Fisher, 6-5, 300, So., 1L |
| **65** | Mike Prince, 6-3, 300, Jr. |
| **79** | Taylor Davis, 6-4, 295, RSFr. |

### Center

| | |
|---|---|
| **62** | Tim Barnes, 6-4, 310, Jr., 1L |
| **53** | Travis Ruth, 6-3, 305, RSFr. |
| **63** | Ryan Schleusner, 6-3, 295, Sr. |

### Right Tackle

| | |
|---|---|
| **77** | Dan Hoch, 6-7, 320, So., 1L |
| **55** | Daniel Jenkins, 6-4, 305, RSFr. |
| **74** | Kirk Lakebrink, 6-6, 320, Jr. |

### H-Receiver

| | |
|---|---|
| **81** | Danario Alexander, 6-5, 215, Sr., 3L |
| **29** | Jerrell Jackson, 6-1, 190, So., 1L |
| **88** | Forrest Shock, 6-2, 210, Jr. |

### Tailback

| | |
|---|---|
| **24** | Derrick Washington, 6-0, 225, Jr., 2L |
| **26** | De'Vion Moore, 5-9, 195, So., 1L |
| **10** | Gilbert Moye, 6-2, 220, So., 1L |

### Left Guard

| | |
|---|---|
| **66** | Austin Wuebbels, 6-4, 305, So. |
| **71** | Jayson Palmgren, 6-2, 305, So., 1L |
| **58** | Brendon Donaldson, 6-2, 295, So. |
| **76** | Quinn Brown, 6-3, 245, So. |

### Right Guard

| | |
|---|---|
| **78** | Kurtis Gregory, 6-5, 305, Sr., 3L |
| **67** | J.T. Beasley, 6-4, 295, So. |
| **56** | John Birdwell, 6-6, 265, RSFr. |

### Quarterback

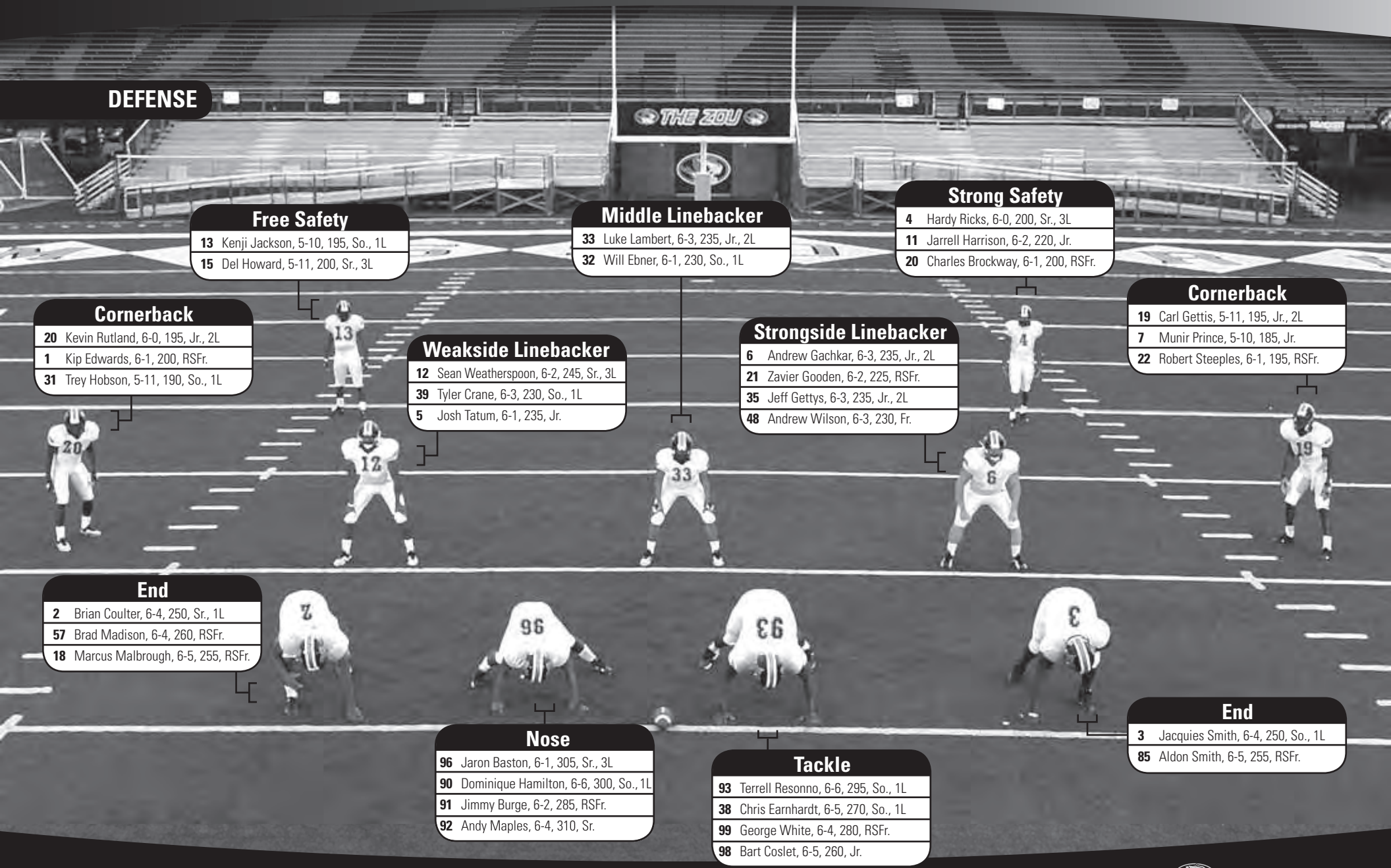
| | |
|---|---|
| **11** | Blaine Gabbert, 6-5, 240, So. |
| **12** | Jimmy Costello, 6-3, 225, So. |
| **7** | Blaine Dalton, 6-0, 195, Fr. |
| **16** | Ashton Glaser, 6-0, 220, Fr. |

### X-Receiver

| | |
|---|---|
| **4** | Jared Perry, 6-1, 180, Sr., 3L |
| **5** | Rolandis Woodland, 6-3, 200, RSFr. |
| **80** | Terry Dennis, 6-3, 205, So. |

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## DEFENSE



### Free Safety
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **13** | Kenji Jackson, 5-10, 195, So., 1L |
| **15** | Del Howard, 5-11, 200, Sr., 3L |

### Middle Linebacker
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **33** | Luke Lambert, 6-3, 235, Jr., 2L |
| **32** | Will Ebner, 6-1, 230, So., 1L |

### Strong Safety
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **4** | Hardy Ricks, 6-0, 200, Sr., 3L |
| **11** | Jarrell Harrison, 6-2, 220, Jr. |
| **20** | Charles Brockway, 6-1, 200, RSFr. |

### Cornerback
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **20** | Kevin Rutland, 6-0, 195, Jr., 2L |
| **1** | Kip Edwards, 6-1, 200, RSFr. |
| **31** | Trey Hobson, 5-11, 190, So., 1L |

### Weakside Linebacker
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **12** | Sean Weatherspoon, 6-2, 245, Sr., 3L |
| **39** | Tyler Crane, 6-3, 230, So., 1L |
| **5** | Josh Tatum, 6-1, 235, Jr. |

### Strongside Linebacker
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **6** | Andrew Gachkar, 6-3, 235, Jr., 2L |
| **21** | Zavier Gooden, 6-2, 225, RSFr. |
| **35** | Jeff Gettys, 6-3, 235, Jr., 2L |
| **48** | Andrew Wilson, 6-3, 230, Fr. |

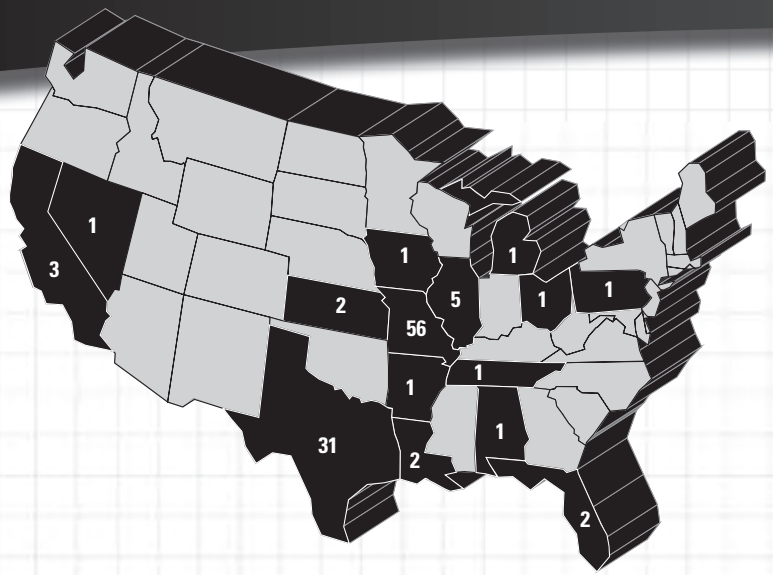
### Cornerback
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **19** | Carl Gettis, 5-11, 195, Jr., 2L |
| **7** | Munir Prince, 5-10, 185, Jr. |
| **22** | Robert Steeples, 6-1, 195, RSFr. |

### End
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **2** | Brian Coulter, 6-4, 250, Sr., 1L |
| **57** | Brad Madison, 6-4, 260, RSFr. |
| **18** | Marcus Malbrough, 6-5, 255, RSFr. |

### Nose
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **96** | Jaron Baston, 6-1, 305, Sr., 3L |
| **90** | Dominique Hamilton, 6-6, 300, So., 1L |
| **91** | Jimmy Burge, 6-2, 285, RSFr. |
| **92** | Andy Maples, 6-4, 310, Sr. |

### Tackle
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **93** | Terrell Resonno, 6-6, 295, So., 1L |
| **38** | Chris Earnhardt, 6-5, 270, So., 1L |
| **99** | George White, 6-4, 280, RSFr. |
| **98** | Bart Coslet, 6-5, 260, Jr. |

### End
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **3** | Jacquies Smith, 6-4, 250, So., 1L |
| **85** | Aldon Smith, 6-5, 255, RSFr. |




# :: GEOGRAPHIC ROSTER

**:: ALABAMA (1)**
Andy Maples – Lester

**:: ARKANSAS (1)**
Ashton Glaser – Springdale

**:: CALIFORNIA (3)**
Jon Gissinger – San Diego
Jake Harry IV – Cardiff-by-the-Sea
Josh Tatum – Oakland

**:: FLORIDA (2)**
Elvis Fisher – Saint Petersburg
Jasper Simmons – Pensacola

**:: ILLINOIS (5)**
Jared Culver – Downers Grove
Matt Grabner – Alton
Marvin Norman – Steger
Ty Phillips – East St. Louis
Austin Wuebbels – Troy

**:: IOWA (1)**
Dan Hoch – Harlan

**:: KANSAS (2)**
Andrew Gachkar – Overland Park
Trey Hobson – Stanley

**:: LOUISIANA (2)**
Brian Coulter – Baker
L'Damian Washington – Shreveport

**:: MICHIGAN (1)**
George White – Flint

**:: MISSOURI (56)**
Tim Barnes – Longwood
Trey Barrow – Moberly
Jaron Baston – Blue Springs
John Birdwell – La Monte
Beau Brinkley – Kearney
Justin Britt – Lebanon
Charlie Brockway – Cuba
Quinn Brown – Braymer
Tony Buhr – St. Louis
Adam Burton – Lee's Summit
Bart Coslet – St. Peters
Jimmy Costello – Liberty
Blaine Dalton – Blue Springs
Matt Davis – Eldon
Terry Dennis – Peculiar
Brendan Donaldson – St. Joseph
Chris Earnhardt – Springfield
Mark Ellis – Peculiar
Blaine Gabbert – Ballwin
Brandon Gerau – Columbia
Carl Gettis – O'Fallon
Jeff Gettys – Houston
Kurtis Gregory – Blackburn
Levi Hamilton – Rolla
Mark Hill – Branson
Andrew Jones – Smithville
Wes Kemp – St. Louis
Kirk Lakebrink – Liberty
Luke Lambert – Brookfield
Owen Lenander – St. Joseph
Andy Loyd – Branson
Brad Madison – Bethany
Jack Meiners – St. Louis
Tanner Mills – Columbia
T.J. Moe – O'Fallon
De'Vion Moore – St. Louis
John Moore – O'Fallon
Jayson Palmgren – Kansas City
Joe Plevel – St. Louis
Munir Prince – St. Louis
Terrell Resonno – Jefferson City
Grant Ressel – Jackson
Sheldon Richardson – St. Louis
Hardy Ricks – St. Louis
Curt Roth – St. Genevieve
Travis Ruth – Jefferson City
Alex Sanders – Springfield
Ryan Schleusner – Maryville
Forrest Shock – Osage Beach
Aldon Smith – Raytown
Robert Steeples – St. Louis
Kerwin Stricker – Washington
Derrick Washington – Raymore
Chris Willett – Liberty
Andrew Wilson – Peculiar
Rolandis Woodland – St. Louis

**:: NEVADA (1)**
Jarrell Harrison – Las Vegas

**:: OHIO (1)**
Chris Freeman – Trotwood

**:: PENNSYLVANIA (1)**
Jaleel Clark – Allentown

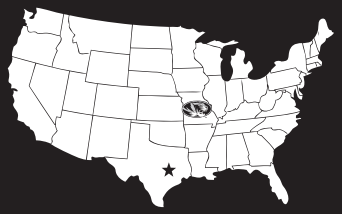
**:: TENNESSEE (1)**
J.T. Beasley – Dyersburg

**:: TEXAS (31)**
Danario Alexander – Marlin
Gregory Andi – San Antonio
Tavon Bolden – Houston
Donovan Bonner – Dallas
Jimmy Burge – Houston
Brayden Burnett – Southlake
Tyler Crane – Allen
Taylor Davis – Plano
Will Ebner – Friendswood
Kip Edwards – Arlington
Michael Egnew – Plainview
Ryan Evans – Houston
Marvin Foster – Fort Worth
Zaviar Gooden – Pflugerville
Dominique Hamilton – El Paso
Del Howard – Dallas
Jerrell Jackson – Houston
Kenji Jackson – Mansfield
Daniel Jenkins – Gilmer
Kendial Lawrence – Rockwall
Marcus Malbrough – Beaumont
Gahn McGaffie – Galena Park
Gilbert Moye – Jasper
Jared Perry – La Marque
Mike Prince – Southlake
Kevin Rutland – Houston
Michael Sam – Hitchcock
Byron Smith – Sugarland
Jacquies Smith – Dallas
Sean Weatherspoon – Jasper
Matt White – Keller

# PLAYERS

# #81
# DANARIO ALEXANDER

**Wide Receiver**
**6-5 • 210 • Sr.-3L**



**Marlin, Texas**
**(Marlin HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Very talented and underrated wideout who will be looked to for big things in his senior season … Has had his last 2 seasons hampered by various injuries, but will be ready to go in the fall … Is the No. 1 threat at the H-receiver position for the Tigers on the depth chart … Needs just 3 receiving yards to reach 1,000 for his career.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Caught 329 yards and a career-high 5 touchdowns, despite not being fully 100 percent throughout the year, as he was still working through the after-effects of off-season knee surgery … Missed the first 2 games of the year, and returned to catch at least 1 pass in every game the rest of the way … Made 3 catches for 53 yards in the Big 12 Championship against Oklahoma.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Emerged as a key playmaker in the Tiger passing attack, but missed four-plus games due to injuries … Had a 19-yard run against Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship, but injured his left knee … Missed the Cotton Bowl after having surgery on the injured knee.

### :: 2006 SEASON

True freshman wideout who earned playing time with an impressive fall camp, and who blossomed late in the season to make big contributions … Ended the season with 15 catches for 251 yards and 1 TD, with 11 of his 15 catches coming in the final 4 games of the year … His per-catch average of 16.7 was 2nd on the team among those with 5 receptions or more.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Earned honorable mention All-State and 1st-Team All-District honors as a senior wide receiver … Named 2nd-Team Super Cen-Tex in 2005 … An excellent all-around athlete who was a 1st-Team All-District performer in baseball … Was also the district champion in the long jump (best of 23'10") and triple jump (best of 45'10") in 2005 … High school coach – Jerry Malone.

### :: PERSONAL

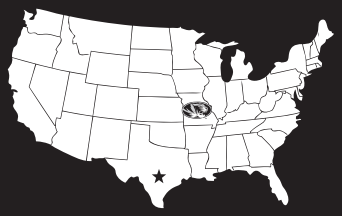
Parents – Larry Alexander & Helen Woodson … Chose Mizzou over Texas Tech, Baylor, Houston and SMU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Steckel.

## ALEXANDER CAREER STATS

| | G-GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long | Rush-Yds | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2006 | 13-0 | 15 | 251 | 16.7 | 1 | 74 | 2-12 | 0 |
| 2007 | 10-2 | 37 | 417 | 11.3 | 2 | 48 | 6-31 | 0 |
| 2008 | 12-1 | 26 | 329 | 12.7 | 5 | 39 | 2-6 | 0 |
| Totals | 35-3 | 78 | 997 | 12.8 | 8 | 74 | 10-49 | 0 |

# #34 GREGORY ANDI

**Wide Receiver**
**6-2 • 195 • RS-Fr.**



**San Antonio, Texas**
**(Taft HS)**

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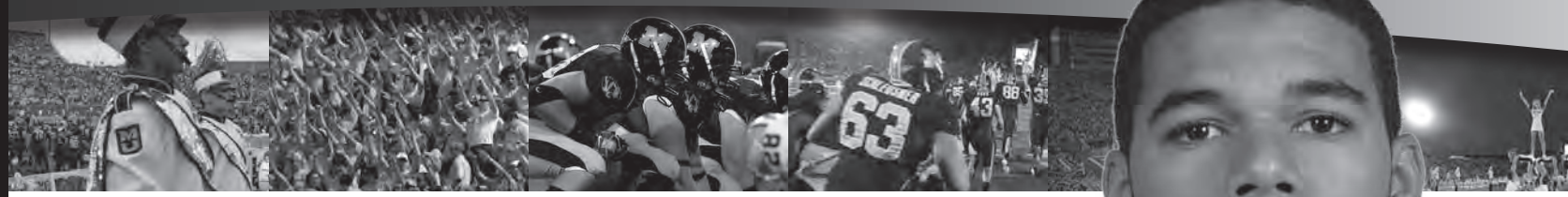

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Athletic walk-on wide receiver who looks to establish himself on the depth chart this fall when camp opens up in August … Is in his second year on the squad, after joining the team for the 2008 season … Was unable to participate in spring ball, as he was dealing with an injured knee that he had repaired, but he should be full strength in August.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Spent his first year with the Tiger Football program working as part of the scout team offense during practice, helping prepare the defense each week for the upcoming opponent.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a multi-sport standout at Taft High School in San Antonio, earning three letters in football and two letters in track and field, while also participating in basketball and soccer … Was a 1st-Team All-District wide receiver during his senior year on the gridiron … On the oval, was part of a 4x400 relay team that was a regional qualifier … High school coach – Brian Davenport.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Franklin & Diann Andi … Plans to study in Mizzou's renowned school of Engineering, with designs on majoring in mechanical engineering … Has an ultimate goal of being an engineer/designer with prosthetics and other bio-medical devices, hoping to be able to find ways to provide improved options for the end user … Chose Mizzou over Cal-Poly and Miami, Ohio, among others … Has served as a lifeguard at San Antonio's Sea World, a place where the Tigers visited last December during their stay there for the Alamo Bowl.

# #62 TIM BARNES

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 305 • Jr.-1L**

**Longwood, Mo.**
**(Pettis Co. Northwest HS)**

## AWARDS

2008 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Coaches)

2008 Spring Team Most Improved Offensive Lineman

2007 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

One of the top centers in the Big 12 Conference who returns for his 2nd year as a starter, and anchor of an offensive line which is being looked to as a strong point of the Tiger offensive attack … Is only the 3rd different player to start at center for Gary Pinkel, as he follows former greats A.J. Ricker (36 starts in 36 games under Pinkel from 2001-03) and Adam Spieker (MU-record 50 starts in 50 games from 2004-07).

### :: 2008 SEASON

Had an outstanding season in his 1st year as a starter, establishing himself as one of the top centers in the Big 12 Conference … Took over the starting duties at center, starting all 14 games … Earned All-Big 12 Honorable Mention recognition from league coaches … Was a key part of the Tigers' offense that ranked 8th nationally in total offense (484.14 yards per game) and 6th in the NCAA in scoring offense (42.21 ppg), while coming in 4th in the nation in passing offense (330.36 ypg) … Tiger offensive line also ranked 16th nationally in fewest quarterback sacks allowed (1.21 per game).

### :: 2007 SEASON

Made the move to center before the season, where he served as understudy for Rimington finalist Adam Spieker … Saw action in 7 games during the season … An excellent student who earned 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors for his work in the classroom.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was ranked as the No. 4 overall prospect in Missouri by Rivals.com, and as the No. 23 offensive guard prospect in the nation … Earned numerous All-State, All-Conference and All-District honors … A solid student who was a member of the National Honor Society, and also served on his school's student council … High school coach – Caleb Crooker.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Jeff & Becky Barnes … Chose Mizzou over Miami, Fla., Michigan and Iowa, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill … Majoring in communications at Mizzou.

# #97 TREY BARROW

**Placekicker**
**6-1 • 187 • RS-Fr.**

**Moberly, Mo.**
**(Moberly HS)**

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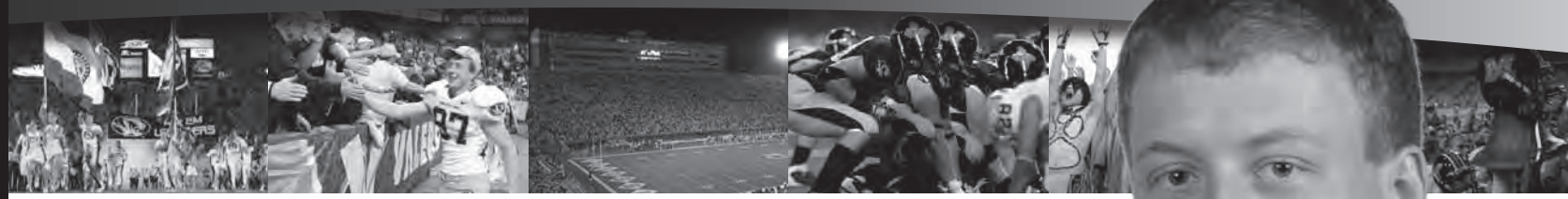


## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Excellent athlete who will look to challenge for the open kicking job that was vacated by NFL hopeful Jeff Wolfert, who leaves holding the NCAA career record for best accuracy in combined field goals and extra points … Had a solid spring period and he enters fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart in the battle for the top kicking spot.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Joined the Tigers as a walk-on and worked as part of the special team forces throughout the year.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Outstanding all-around athlete, who earned 4 letters each in football, basketball and baseball for Moberly High School … Was an All-State wide receiver as a senior, and took home All-Conference and All-District honors at that position, as well … For his career, had 1,700 receiving yards, and scored 299 points, which included 14 field goals (including a school-record 47-yarder), while also grabbing 13 interceptions as a defensive back … Four of his field goals were from 40 yards or more, including a 41-yarder as a sophomore that came with just one second left that gave Moberly a 10-9 win in the district championship … Ranked 3rd in Missouri state history in PATs (137) and kicking points (179) … Helped lead Moberly to its first perfect regular season (10-0) in school history as they won three consecutive Class 3 district titles … Also earned All-State, All-Conference and All-District honors as an outfielder for the baseball team, as he hit for a .440 batting average as a senior … Was also a forward/guard on Moberly's 23-4 basketball team that won conference and district titles and advanced to the state playoffs in 2007-08 … High school coach – Jason Ambrosen.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Chuck & Jackie Barrow … Currently undecided on his major, but is studying in the School of Arts and Sciences … Lists his hobbies as basketball, baseball and ping pong.

# #96 JARON BASTON

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-1 • 305 • Sr.-3L**

**Blue Springs, Mo.**
**(Blue Springs HS)**

## AWARDS

2008 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Coaches)

2008 Spring Team Most Improved Defensive Lineman

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

A versatile and talented defensive lineman who can play either inside position on the defensive line … Is the sole returning starter on the Tiger defensive line, who will be looked upon for leadership to anchor a talented, but young group in 2009 … Was a first-year starter in 2008 and established himself as a high-level Big 12 player at noseguard … Is listed No. 1 on the depth chart at noseguard after a solid spring camp that he closed with a 3-tackle outing in the Black & Gold Game.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Started all 14 games in 2008 and had career numbers in every major category, finishing with 49 tackles, 8 tackles for loss and 1 quarterback sack … Was named honorable mention All-Big 12 by league coaches for his play … Closed his season by notching 6 tackles in Mizzou's overtime win over Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Played in all 14 games for Mizzou as an important reserve for the defensive line … Recorded a tackle in 10 of the 14 games … Had at least 1 tackle in 5 straight games from Oct. 20-Nov. 17.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman, and saw his role increase in the latter part of the year, along with his production … Half of his 14 tackles on the season came in MU's last 5 games.

### :: 2005 SEASON

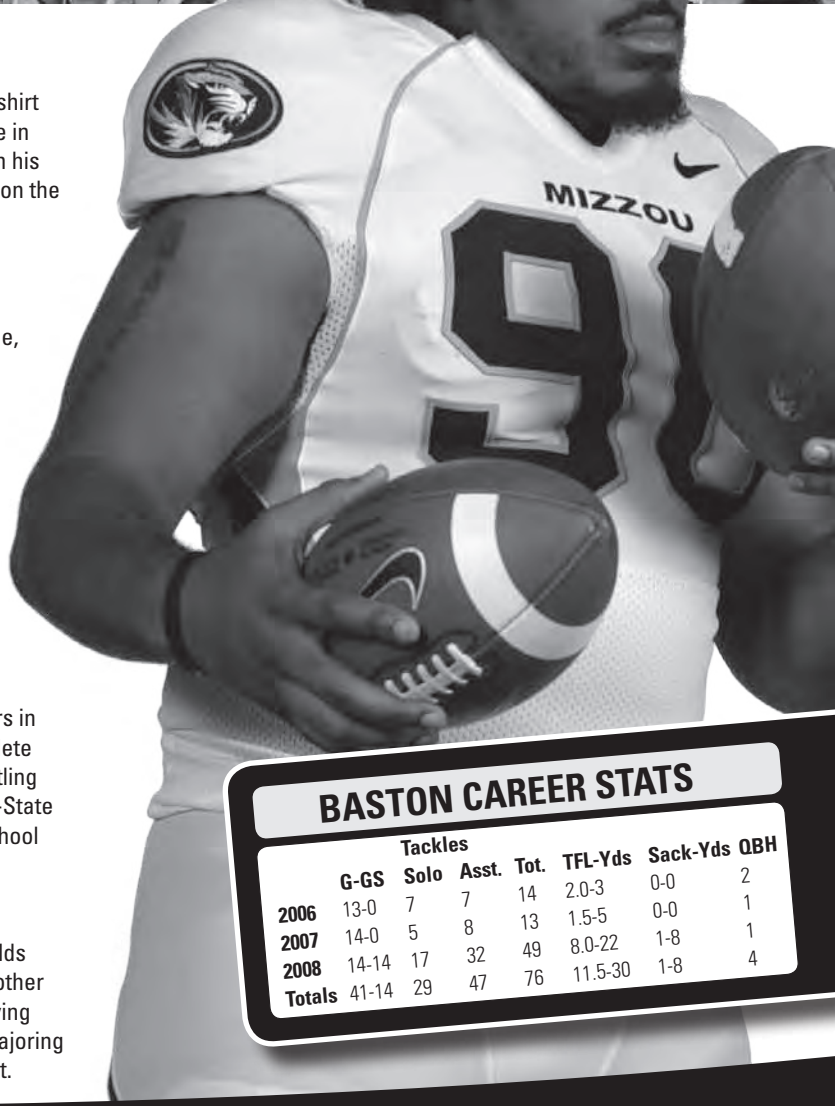
Redshirt season … Was impressive playing on the scout team in practice, and also in the weight room.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the nation's No. 48 strongside defensive end prospect and the No. 11 overall prospect in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com … PrepStar had him as the No. 53 overall prospect in the Midland region … Was a 1st-Team All-State selection as both a junior and senior … Also earned Kansas City All-Metro honors in 2004 … An excellent all-around athlete who took 3rd in the 2004 state wrestling championships and also earned All-State honors in track and field … High school coach – Kelly Donohoe.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of Vernon Baston & Angela Childs … Chose MU over Kansas, among other schools … Enjoys drawing and playing video games in his spare time … Majoring in hotel and restaurant management.

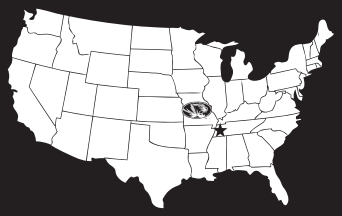



## BASTON CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo | Asst. | Tot. | TFL-Yds | Sack-Yds | QBH |
| 2006 | 13-0 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 2.0-3 | 0-0 | 2 |
| 2007 | 14-0 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 1.5-5 | 0-0 | 1 |
| 2008 | 14-14 | 17 | 32 | 49 | 8.0-22 | 1-8 | 1 |
| Totals | 41-14 | 29 | 47 | 76 | 11.5-30 | 1-8 | 4 |

# #67
# J.T. BEASLEY

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 295 • So.-1L**



**Dyersburg, Tenn.**
**(Dyersburg HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Athletic big man who has good game time experience under his belt, after playing in 6 games last season as a redshirt freshman primarily at the center position … Continued at center during the spring season, but also began working at guard, and that's where he begins fall camp on the depth chart, listed at No. 2 at right guard behind honors candidate Kurtis Gregory.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Served as primary backup at center, and saw action in 6 games during his first season on the field … Played against Southeast Missouri State and Nevada during the non-conference season, and got playing time in 4 Big 12 games, against Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas State and Iowa State … Suffered a shoulder injury (labrum) during spring drills that he played with and had fixed in April.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the No. 16 center in the nation by Rivals.com, as well as the No. 23 player (all positions) in the state of Tennessee … Same outlet also rated him as the state's No. 1 interior offensive lineman … Earned 1st-Team All-State honors by both the media and coaches in 2006 … Team captain who won his school's most outstanding offensive lineman award in 2006 as a senior, and was also a finalist for Tennessee's Mr. Football yearly award … Selected as a Dream Team member by the Nashville Tennessean … High school coach – James Counce.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Jeff & Rhonda Beasley … An outstanding student who was a nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman in 2006, and who plans to study pre-med at Mizzou … Played catcher for his little league baseball team which won a state championship when he was 13 years old … Chose Mizzou over Mississippi, Kentucky, Mississippi State and Northwestern, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

# #56 JOHN BIRDWELL

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-6 • 265 • RS-Fr.**

**La Monte, Mo.**
**(Green Ridge HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Big-sized walk-on who will work to contribute to the depth of the Tiger offensive line in his second year in the program … Took part in spring drills and enters fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart at right guard.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on and took part in practice throughout the year as part of the offensive scout team.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

An outstanding all-around athlete who lettered in football, basketball, baseball and soccer during his prep years … Served as a team captain as a senior, while playing on both sides of the line of scrimmage in the trenches … Caught a pass for a two-point conversion on offense as a senior, while he had 12 tackles, recovered a fumble and blocked a pass as well, on defense … Recorded 8 tackles with 1 fumble recovery on defense as a junior … Was a two-time All-Conference performer in basketball, while leading his team in rebounding and blocked shots for 3 straight years … High school coach – Dave Wanninger.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Scotty & Cindy Birdwell … Majoring in business at Mizzou, with plans to study sports marketing … Has an ultimate desire of earning a law degree and becoming a sports agent eventually … Lists hobbies as sports, video games, auctioneering and singing … Is a licensed auctioneer.

# #86 BEAU BRINKLEY

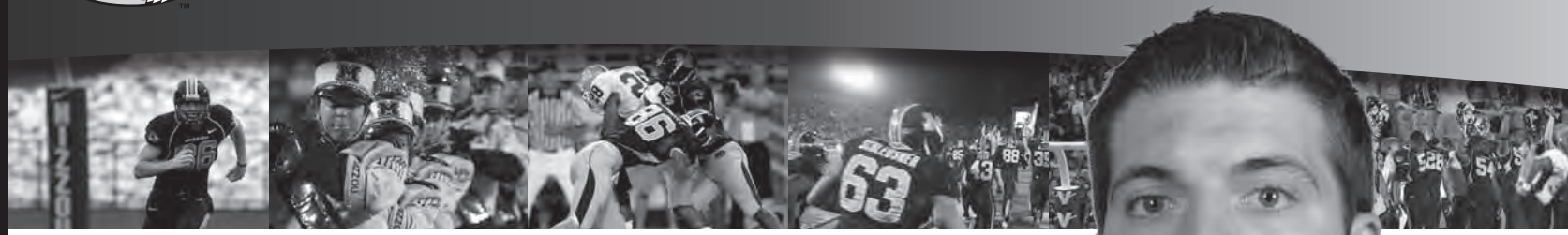
**Tight End**
**6-4 • 230 • So.-1L**

**Kearney, Mo.**
**(Kearney HS)**

## AWARDS

2008 Team Walk-On Player of the Year

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09



## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

A diamond in the rough who came to Mizzou as a walk-on for the 2008 season, and who became one of the most valuable and unsung heroes of the Tigers' 10-4 season … Specializes as a long snapper, where he was virtually perfect in 2008 … Coach Pinkel has been quoted many times in the media about how he is able to sleep better at night knowing that the crucial long-snapping duties are in good hands for another three years with Brinkley running the show … Was awarded a scholarship after the 2008 season … Showed an ability to be an effective receiving threat during spring ball, and he begins fall camp listed 4th on the depth chart at tight end.

## :: 2008 SEASON

True freshman who joined the team as a walk-on and improbably won the long-snapping job for both placekicks and punts in fall camp, despite his collegiate inexperience … Was virtually perfect in his 1st year, and was named the team's walk-on player of the year at the annual team awards banquet … Helped Jeff Wolfert to a perfect 73-for-73 mark on extra point attempts and a 20-for-27 mark on field goal attempts, as Wolfert ended his career as the most accurate kicker in NCAA history for combined field goals and point after attempts … Also showed great hustle, desire and athleticism as he got down field to make 3 tackles as part of the punt coverage team.

## :: HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Kearney High School in Kearney, Missouri, where 2008 Tiger seniors Tommy Saunders and Brock Christopher hailed from … It was actually Saunders who gets credit for turning Tiger coach Andy Hill onto Brinkley, and after he went to see Brinkley, Hill offered him an invitation to join the team as a preferred walk-on.

# #20 CHARLIE BROCKWAY

**Strong Safety**
**6-1 • 200 • RS-Fr.**

**Cuba, Mo.**
**(Cuba HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Athletic defensive back prospect who is in his 2nd year in the program … Lines up at strong safety, where, after spring ball, he begins fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on and worked as part of the scout team on defense.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Very accomplished overall athlete who won All-State honors in track, while claiming All-District mention in both football and basketball for Cuba High School … Had 11 interceptions and 4 fumble recoveries as a senior, winning All-District defensive back honors during the 2007 season … High school coach – Larry Muheler.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Rick Brockway & Monica Sagehorn … Plans to major in chemistry at Mizzou, with an ultimate career goal of becoming a chemist … Lists basketball as a hobby, and he's also done some lifeguarding for summer jobs previously.

# #76 QUINN BROWN

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-3 • 245 • So.-Sq.**

**Braymer, Mo.**
**(Braymer HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

The younger brother of former Tiger offensive lineman Colin Brown, who was a 5th-round draft pick by the Kansas City Chiefs this spring … Is in his 2nd year in the program, and will enter the fall listed 4th on the depth chart at left guard, as he looks to battle his way up the list.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on and actually started playing quarterback … Was part of the offensive scout team throughout the season.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Accomplished all-around athlete who was a four-year letterman in football, basketball, baseball and track at Braymer … Won All-District honors as a senior as a quarterback and as a defensive end, while serving as his team's captain … Also earned All-District honors at defensive end as a junior, and as a sophomore, won All-Conference acclaim as a defensive back … High school coach – Troy Stemberger.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Dave & Mona Brown … Plans to major in education at Mizzou, with a career goal of becoming a middle school math teacher.

# #43 TONY BUHR

**Free Safety**
**5-11 • 180 • Sr.-Sq.**

**St. Louis, Mo.**
**(School of the Osage)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

A lifelong Mizzou fan who will be in his 3rd season as an important walk-on contributor to the program, after joining the team for the first time in 2007 … Is a safety by trade, and will work to move up the ranks on the depth chart there in the fall … Was running 3rd on the depth chart entering spring ball at the free safety position, after playing both safety and corner back over the past 2 years.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Served as an invaluable member of the defensive scout team as the Tigers went 10-4 and claimed a Big 12 North Division championship for a 2nd straight year … Made 1 tackle in Mizzou's Black & Gold Spring Game in April.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Joined the squad as a walk-on and was part of the defensive scout team that helped the prolific Tiger offense prepare each week during practice.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

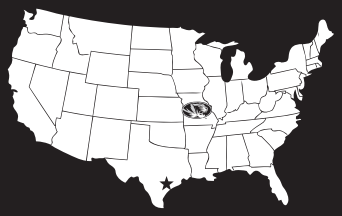
Was a three-sport standout for School of the Osage in St. Louis, where he lettered in football, basketball and track … Was an All-Conference performer on the gridiron, winning the honors as a safety … Grabbed 4 interceptions as both a junior and senior for his school … High school coach – Shannon Jolley.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Tab & Mary Buhr … Father is an electrical engineer, mother is a high school counselor … Has plans to major in psychology at Mizzou, with a career goal of having his own clinical psychology practice some day … A National Honor Society student who also considered attending Duke and Stanford … Lists paintball and basketball as his personal hobbies outside of football.

# #91 JIMMY BURGE

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-2 • 285 • RS-Fr.**



**Houston, Texas**
**(Stratford HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Talented redshirt freshman with a big upside who has 1 year under his belt in the Tiger program, and who hopes to challenge for some playing time in the fall with a strong showing in camp … Had a solid spring session where he showed that he's developing nicely into a potential contributor in 2009 … Lines up at the noseguard spot primarily, where he begins fall ball listed 3rd on the depth chart.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted during his 1st season at Mizzou, and helped the Tiger offense prepare each day as part of the defensive scout team … Won the team's Back-Up Player of the Week honors for his work during the week of preparation prior to Mizzou's game against Iowa State, which saw the Tigers clinch their second-straight Big 12 North Division title thanks to a 52-20 win in Ames, Iowa.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Athletic, run-stopping defensive tackle who was an early find for the Tigers … Named an All-Midwest region defensive lineman by PrepStar … Ranked the nation's No. 50 defensive tackle prospect by Scout.com … Committed to Mizzou during the summer of 2007, and later saw his very first college football game in person, as Mizzou downed Nebraska, 41-6 in Columbia on Oct. 6th, 2007 … Had 8 QB sacks in 2007, helping his team to a bi-district and an area championship … As a senior, was a 1st-Team All-District selection who also was named 2nd-Team Greater Houston team … Pulled in 2nd-Team All-State honors in the 5A ranks, while serving as team captain … Also lettered in track and field as a sophomore at Stratford … High school coach – Elliot Allen.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Bill & Janice Burge … Father is a Mizzou graduate, and he has grandparents that live in Columbia near the Mizzou campus … Interested in studying architecture at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as hunting, fishing and playing video games … Identified MU's outstanding facilities and the family atmosphere of the football program as major draws for him … Chose Mizzou over Texas A&M, Kansas, Boise State, Fresno State, Stanford, Houston and TCU, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Craig Kuligowski.

# #98 BART COSLET

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-5 • 260 • Jr.-1L**

**St. Peters, Mo.**
**(Francis Howell Central HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Talented line prospect who is now a veteran of the Tiger program … Will be in his 2nd year of lining up at tackle, as he moved inside in 2008 for the first time after playing end previously … Closed spring camp by being credited with a pair of tackles in the defense's win in the Black & Gold Game … Is a high-energy, high-emotion guy who does a lot to fire up his teammates in the locker room and on the field … Enters camp listed 4th on the depth chart at the tackle position … Is a dedicated Tiger, as he had a tattoo done in the spring that consists of a Tiger head logo with the word "results" alongside.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Moved to the interior of the defensive line after lining up at defensive end for his first 2 years in the program … Played in all 14 games, drawing most of his duty as part of the protection unit for placekicks, but also saw action in reserve duty as part of the Tiger defensive line … Registered 2 tackles on the season, as he was credited with 1 stop each in consecutive games against Southeast Missouri State and Nevada.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Played in 6 games for the Tigers after redshirting the 2006 season … Saw action in 4 of the last 5 games of the year.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Highly-rated defensive end prospect out of the St. Louis area that missed his senior year due to a knee injury … Despite missing the season, still ranked as the nation's No. 26 weakside defensive end prospect, and the No. 12 overall prospect in Missouri by Rivals.com … Was a pre-season All-American by Collegiate Sports prior to his senior season … An outstanding athlete who was also recruited by several Division I schools to play basketball … Played AAU hoops for the well-known St. Louis Eagles AAU team … High school coach – Todd Berck, who coached former Tiger LB Dedrick Harrington at Mexico (Mo.) High School.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Tom & Krista Coslet …An avid outdoor sportsman who lists hobbies as hunting, fishing, camping and floating … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Kansas State, Kansas and Illinois … Primary Mizzou Recruiter – Cornell Ford.

# #12
# JIMMY COSTELLO

**Quarterback**
**6-2 • 225 • So.-Sq.**

**Liberty, Mo.**
**(Liberty HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Walk-on quarterback prospect with good athleticism who is now the most veteran member of the MU signal callers, with his 2 years in the program … Has a strong right arm, and has drawn rave reviews in the past from Coach Pinkel for his improvement … Enters fall camp listed 2nd on the depth chart at quarterback, and is expected to provide some good competition and leadership for what is a very young and overall inexperienced group of quarterbacks … Completed 10-of-21 passes in the spring game for 70 yards, and scored the only touchdown of the game on a one-yard keeper … In a demonstration of his arm strength, one day after practice, won a competition between MU's quarterbacks (including current pros Chase Daniel and Chase Patton) that involved standing in the south endzone at Memorial Stadium, and throwing the ball completely over the south stands and out of the stadium (he was the only one who achieved the feat).

### :: 2008 SEASON

Worked hard as part of the offensive scout team, drawing rave reviews for his efforts … Won the team's Back Up Player of the Week Award for his efforts during game preparations leading up games against Buffalo and Kansas … Completed 1 pass for 12 yards in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game in April.

### :: 2007 SEASON

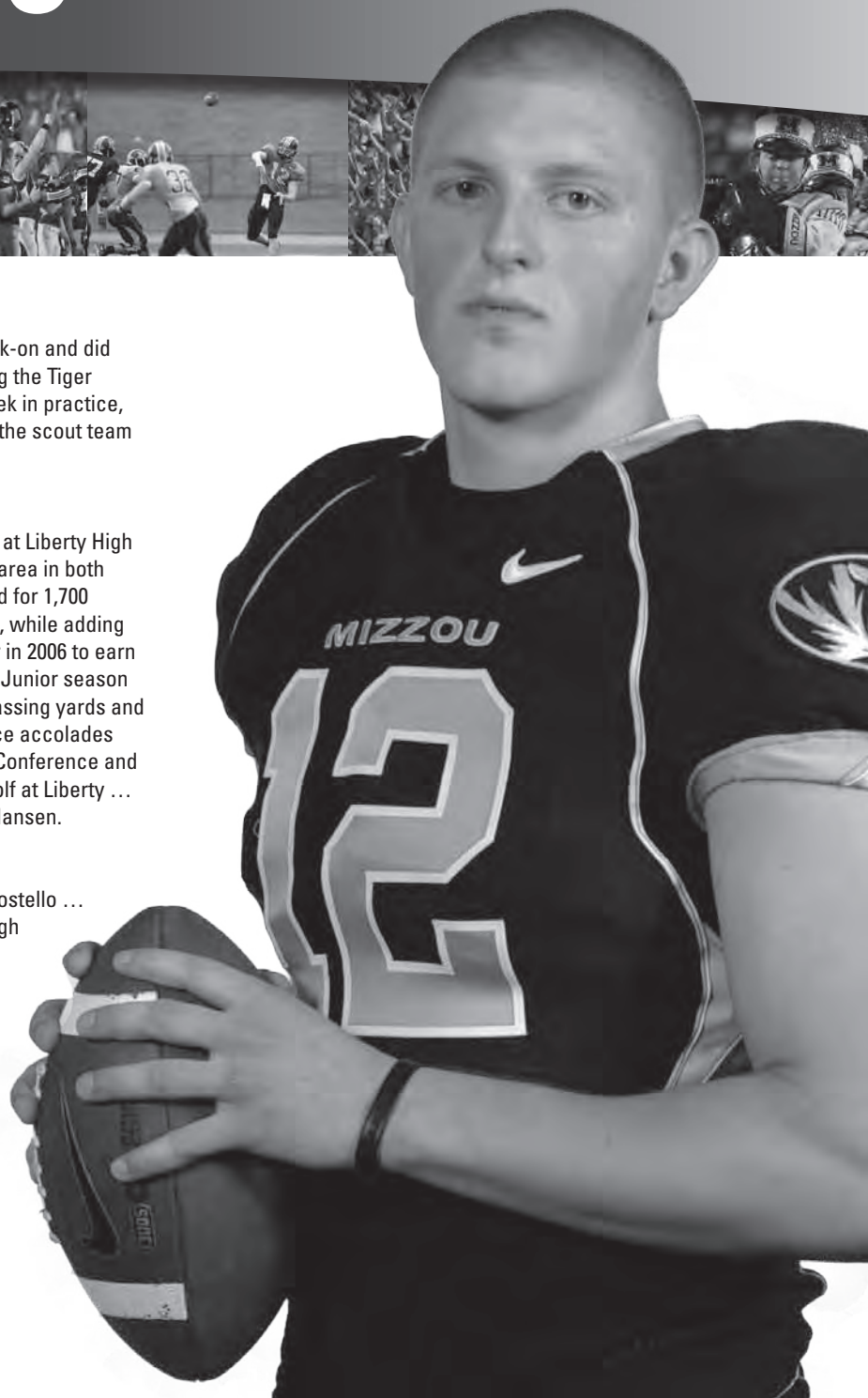
Joined the squad as a walk-on and did an admirable job of helping the Tiger defense prepare each week in practice, as he assisted by running the scout team offense.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a two-sport standout at Liberty High School in the Kansas City area in both football and golf … Passed for 1,700 yards with 18 touchdowns, while adding 10 rushing TDs as a senior in 2006 to earn All-Conference honors … Junior season numbers included 1,500 passing yards and 15 TDs, with All-Conference accolades again … Was also an All-Conference and All-District performer in golf at Liberty … High school coach – Pat Hansen.

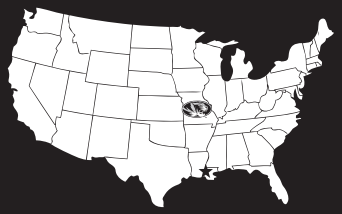
### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Paul & Nancy Costello … Plans to matriculate through MU's School of Education, with a desire to ultimately major in middle school mathematics education … Lists a career goal of teaching and coaching when his playing days are over.



# #2 BRIAN COULTER

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 255 • Sr.-1L**



**Baker, La.**
**(Pearl River JC)**

## AWARDS

2009 Mizzou ROARS
Male Courage Award

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

High-impact athlete who has a chance to be a big contributor at defensive end, with the graduation of both of Mizzou's starting defensive ends from a year ago … Had a labrum tear repaired in his left shoulder after the 2008 season and was expected to be limited during spring, but he came out and gave a great effort during spring camp, and was very impressive … Did well enough in the spring to lock down the No. 1 spot on the depth chart at one end position heading into fall camp … Was named the recipient of the Male Courage Award at the first annual Mizzou ROARS Spring Awards Show, for his strength in overcoming adversity during his life, and for his drive to fight through injuries in his short time at Mizzou … Initially signed with Florida State out of junior college, but ended up a Tiger after a numbers game left him out of the picture at FSU … Joined the team for summer workouts.

### :: 2008 SEASON

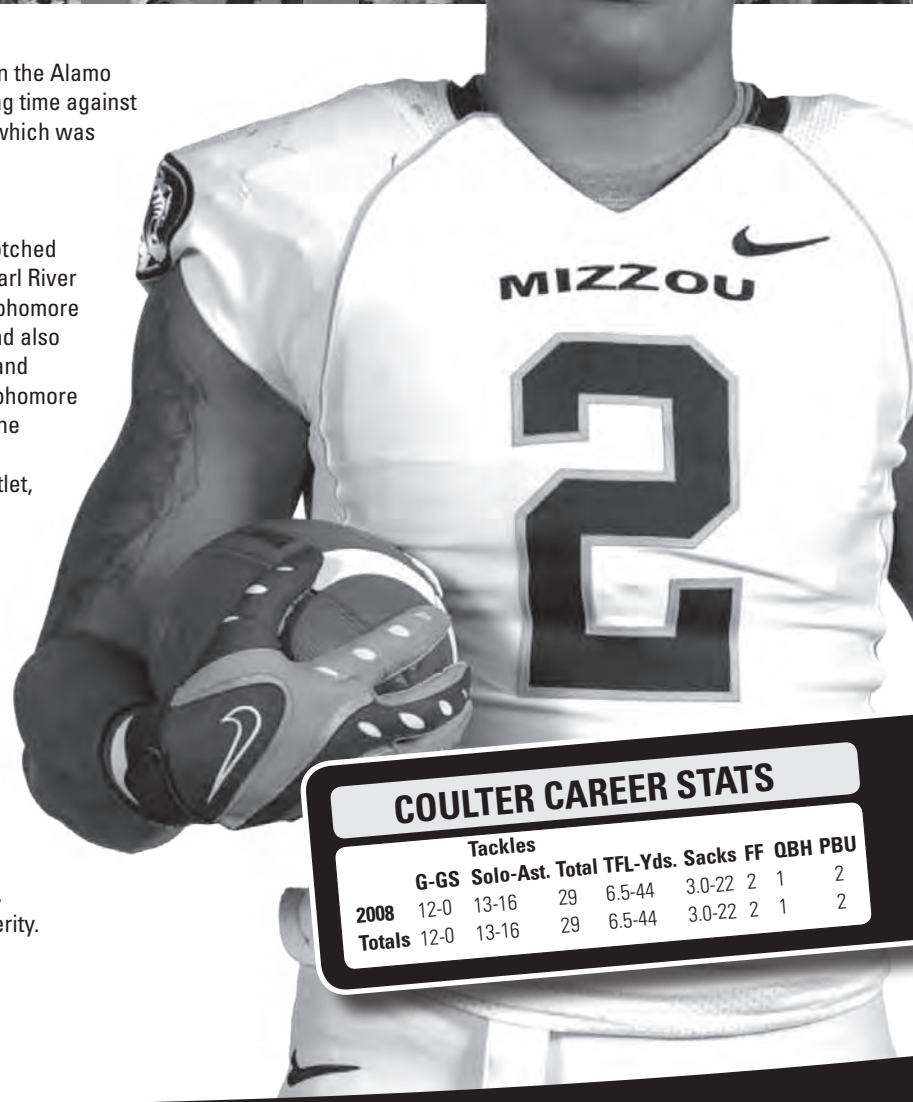
Was limited by various nagging injuries, but showed in spurts that he had the ability to be an impact player at defensive end … Injured his foot during summer workouts, an injury which kept him less than full strength for much of the first half of the season … Played in 12 games in all, recording 29 tackles, including a career-best 9 stops overall in Mizzou's overtime win against Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl … Saw his first playing time against SEMO, recording 1 tackle, which was a TFL.

### :: JUNIOR COLLEGE

Recorded 50 tackles and notched 13 quarterback sacks at Pearl River Community College as a sophomore … Was voted team MVP and also earned 1st-Team All-State and All-Region honors in his sophomore season … Was ranked as the No. 2 defensive end junior college prospect by one outlet, and had over 30 Division I scholarship offers come his way.

### :: PERSONAL

Lists the family atmosphere as one of the biggest draws that brought him to Mizzou … Lists many names as those who he considers parent figures, including Mitch Jackson, Barry Glenn, Rose Jackson, Mary Jo Coulter, and Liz Merity.

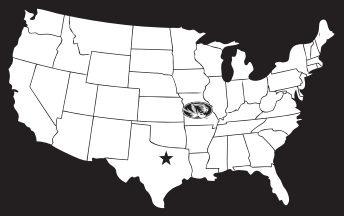



## COULTER CAREER STATS

| | Tackles | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo-Ast. | Total | TFL-Yds. | Sacks | FF | QBH | PBU |
| 2008 | 12-0 | 13-16 | 29 | 6.5-44 | 3.0-22 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Totals | 12-0 | 13-16 | 29 | 6.5-44 | 3.0-22 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

# #39 TYLER CRANE

**Linebacker**
**6-3 • 235 • So.-1L**



**Allen, Texas**
**(Allen HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Very athletic and talented young defensive prospect with a big upside that has Tiger coaches excited about his ability for 2009 and beyond … Played at defensive end as a true freshman in 2007, and took a redshirt in 2008 as he moved to linebacker … Enters fall drills second on the depth chart at the weakside linebacker position … Ended spring camp by making 3 tackles from his linebacker position during the Black & Gold Spring Game.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Took a redshirt as he made the adjustment to a new position … Was named the team's Back-Up Player of the Week for his efforts during preparation for the Tigers' game against Southeast Missouri State … Moved to linebacker during spring drills after having played defensive end as a true freshman in 2007 … Lined up at the middle linebacker position, where he registered 3 tackles during the 2008 Black & Gold Spring Game.

### :: 2007 SEASON

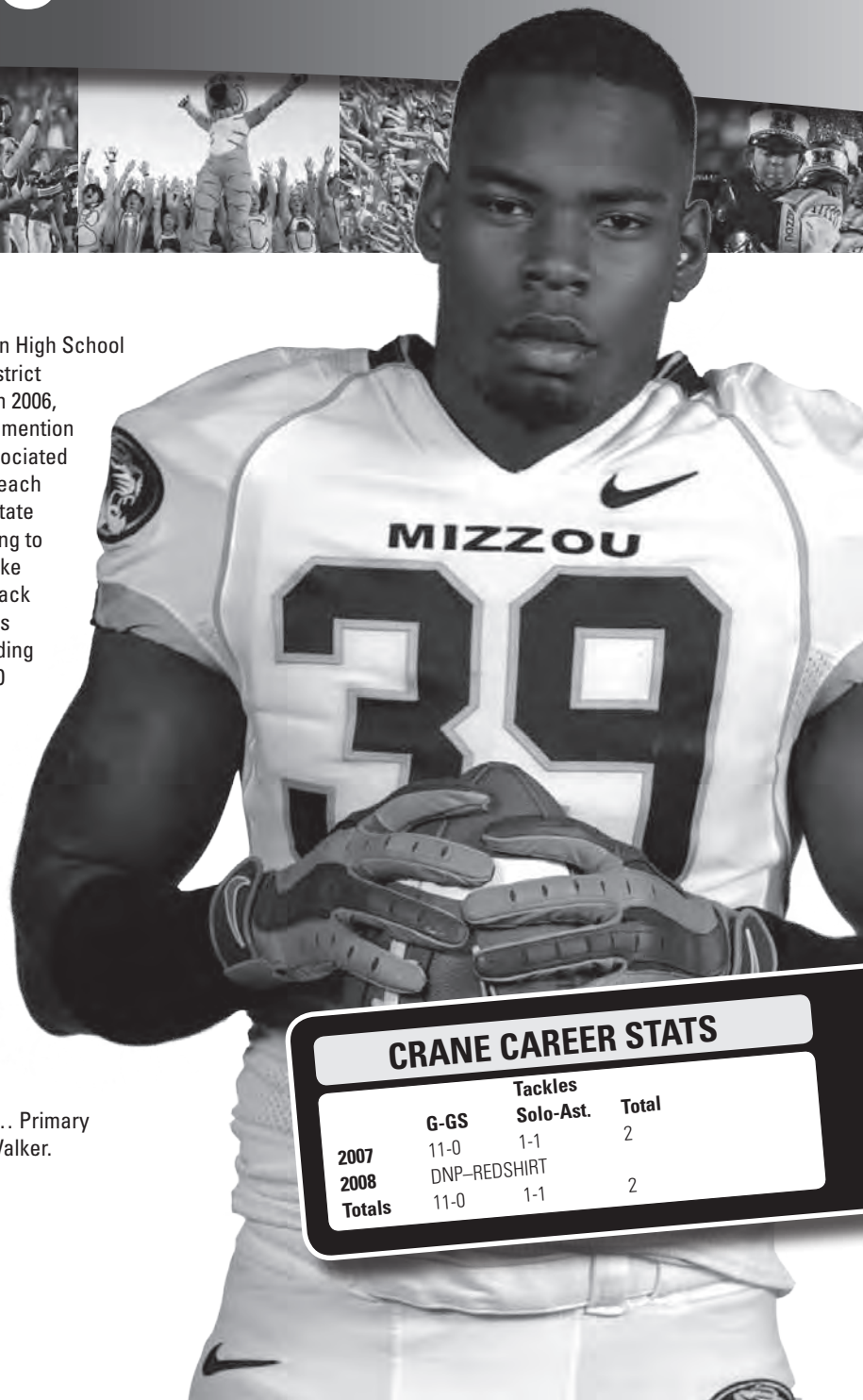
Earned playing time as a true freshman … Played in the final 11 games of the season after coaches decided to play him in game No. 4 and after … Spent a lot of his playing time on various special teams units, providing stability there.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Defensive standout for Allen High School who was a 1st-Team All-District defensive end as a senior in 2006, and also earned honorable mention All-State honors by the Associated Press … Helped his team reach the semifinal round of the state playoffs in 2006, before losing to eventual champion Southlake Carroll … Also starred in track at Allen for 3 years, and was part of a school-record holding and district champion 4x200 relay squad … Ran a 21.8 time in 200 meters, and a 10.65 at 100 meters … High school coach – Thomas Westerberg.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Henry & Arlena Crane … Is interested in studying computer graphic design at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Louisville, Kansas State, Houston, TCU, UTEP, Kansas and Iowa State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

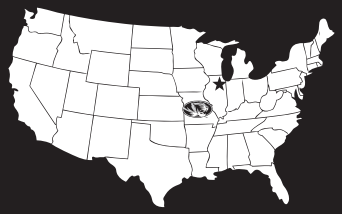



## CRANE CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo-Ast. | Total |
| 2007 | 11-0 | 1-1 | 2 |
| 2008 | DNP–REDSHIRT | | |
| Totals | 11-0 | 1-1 | 2 |

# #25 JARED CULVER

**Tailback**
**5-11 • 245 • RS-Fr.**



**Downer's Grove, Ill.**
**(Downer's Grove South HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Impressive physical tailback prospect who will be on the Tiger squad for his 2nd year, after walking on a year ago … Took part in spring drills and enters fall camp listed on the depth chart at tailback, where he is the biggest of any of the Tiger backs, at 5-foot-11 and 245 pounds.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Joined the Tiger program as a walk-on tailback prospect, and worked throughout the year as part of the offensive scout team.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport standout who starred in football, basketball and baseball … Made his name on the gridiron as a defensive star, winning All-State honors as a senior while amassing 95 tackles, 11 quarterback sacks and 1 interception, while also earning All-Conference and Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year honors … Tallied 98 tackles as a junior, to go with 8 QB sacks and a pair of interceptions, all of which landed him on the All-State honorable mention squad … Had 82 tackles and 6 interceptions as a sophomore, and started 1 game on varsity as a freshman, making him the first freshman in school history to start a game at that level … High school coach – John Belskis.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Ronnie Culver & Vanessa McGriff-Culver … Has an interest in studying sports apparel marketing and management at Mizzou, and chose MU over Wisconsin, Nebraska and Tennessee, among others … Wants to eventually work in some capacity for a professional or collegiate team and/or do some teaching … Lists hobbies as writing poetry and X-Box 360 … Says he "ventured outside the norm" during his senior year in high school, and joined his school's cheerleading squad (his team finished second in the state as a senior), and also took part in a musical.

# #7
# BLAINE DALTON

**Quarterback**
**6-1 • 190 • Fr.**

**Blue Springs, Mo.**
**(Blue Springs South HS)**

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

One of the top quarterback prospects in the country who led his team to a state title and another title game appearance in his 3 years as a starter … Was a December 2008 graduate of high school and enrolled in classes at Mizzou for the spring semester … Took part in winter conditioning and spring practice with the Tiger program … Made good progress during the spring practice period that ended with him completing 3-of-7 passes for 46 yards in the Black & Gold Spring Game … Begins fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at quarterback … Rated as the No. 12 dual threat quarterback prospect in the country by Rivals.com, and also weighs in as the No. 6 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri by the same outlet … Scout.com ranks him as the nation's No. 18 overall quarterback prospect, and gives him four stars on their rating system … ESPN.com calls him a fierce competitor, who is fundamentally sound with a quick release, good accuracy and ability to make nice pre-snap reads.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Won the 2008 Simone Award, a prestigious award given annually to the top prep player in the Kansas City area, for his play that featured 2,335 passing yards and 24 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,164 yards and 14 touchdowns as the Jaguars went 11-3 and reached the Class 6 title game – an impressive feat, considering that he was the only returning starter on his team's offense from the previous season … Had 1,423 passing yards and a stellar 18-to-2 touchdown-to-interception ratio as a junior in 2007 … Led the team to a state title as a sophomore starter, throwing for 1,491 yards and 23 touchdowns against just 8 interceptions, while running for 467 yards and 7 scores … In the 2006 state title game, led team to dominating 41-7 win over Christian Brothers College to cap a perfect 13-0 season … In the game, tried only 8 passes, but completed 7 of them for 116 yards and 4 touchdowns … That would equate to an unheard of single-game NCAA quarterback rating of 374.3 … High school coach – Greg Oder.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Jim & Tammy Dalton … Interested in studying business ethics … Lists hobbies as playing X-Box and hanging with friends … Chose Mizzou over Florida State, Iowa and Tulsa, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

# #35 MATT DAVIS

**Tailback**
**6-0 • 195 • Jr.-Sq.**

**Eldon, Mo.**
**(School of the Osage HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Athletic walk-on prospect who is in his 2nd year as a tailback, after spending his 1st year in the program as a defensive back … Had a labrum tear in his left shoulder repaired during the off-season, which limited him somewhat during spring camp, but he returned in time to play in the spring game, where he gained 12 yards on a pair of carries for the offense.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Continued his contributions to the team serving as a member of the offensive scout team … Missed a good portion of the first half of the season due to a broken foot suffered in fall camp, but returned to practice before the year was out … Moved to tailback after spring ball, where he had 1 tackle on defense in the spring game.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Spent his 1st season in the program as a valuable member of the defensive scout team, lining up primarily at strong safety.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

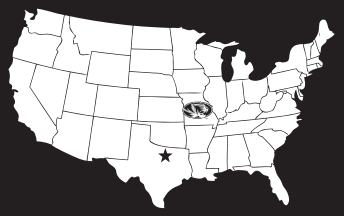
A three-sport standout at School of the Osage in Lake Ozark, as he earned All-Conference and All-District honors in football, basketball and track and field … Earned All-Conference and All-District honors as a senior defensive back, wide receiver and also at punter … Had 44 tackles, 4 INTs and 2 forced fumbles his senior season, and a 37-yard punting average … Also earned All-Conference/ All-District acclaim in basketball, where he averaged 10 points and 7 rebounds per game as a senior, winning his team's MVP honors … Was a state track qualifier in the high jump, long jump and in the 4x400-meter relay as a senior, winning conference and district titles in those events, plus the 4x100-meter relay … Also won conference championships in track in the long jump as a junior and the pole vault as a sophomore, to go with three consecutive 4x200-meter relay titles from 2003-05 … High school coach – Shannon Jolley.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – James & Sheila Davis … Interested in studying in MU's esteemed School of Engineering, where he wants to study in the biomedical field.

# #79 TAYLOR DAVIS

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 295 • RS-Fr.**



**Plano, Texas**
**(Prestonwood Christian Academy)**

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Promising young offensive lineman who looks to continue his development behind a veteran line that returns 3 starters overall … Will line up at left tackle, and he enters fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart there … Developed as a strong pass-blocker in high school in an offensive system that is similar to Mizzou's spread-style attack.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted during his 1st season in the Tiger program as he learned the ropes working on the offensive scout team.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the No. 76 offensive tackle in the nation, according to Rivals.com … Named an All-Midwest region offensive lineman by PrepStar … Was a 1st-Team All-State and 1st-Team All-District performer as a senior in 2007, and took home District Lineman of the Year honors, as well, as he helped lead his team to a district runner-up finish and a 4th-consecutive state playoff appearance … As a junior, won 1st-Team All-District and Hon. Men. All-State honors for a district championship team that reached the regional finals of the state playoffs … Was a four-year letterwinner in football, and also lettered 1 year in swimming (2007) … High school coach – Mike Hall.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Bryan & Kimberly Davis … Wants to study in MU's esteemed College of Business, with an ultimate goal of working in the sports management field … Lists snow skiing, wakeboarding, hunting, fishing and playing the guitar as hobbies … Was very impressed with the closeness of the MU players, as well as the integrity of the MU coaching staff during his recruitment … Also listed MU's facilities, as well as the MU School of Business, as major draws … Spent a lot of his time working with disadvantaged children and adults in his community, and took a trip to Costa Rica one spring to help children in impoverished areas … Chose Mizzou over Kansas, Iowa State, Tulsa, North Texas and Kent, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Bruce Walker.

# #80 TERRY DENNIS

**Wide Receiver**
**6-3 • 200 • So.-Sq.**

**Raymore, Mo.**
**(Raymore-Peculiar HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Sizeable wide receiver talent who will be in his 3rd year with the Tiger program … Also doubles as a long snapper, and he enters fall drills as a backup to returning starter Beau Brinkley at the position, while he is also listed 3rd on the depth chart heading into spring ball at the X-receiver spot … Was an accomplished long snapper in high school, playing for one of the state's top prep programs.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Continued his valuable contributions during the year as a reserve wide receiver, as well as a primary backup for the long snapping duties … Saw action in 1 game on the year, seeing some time against Nevada.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on and helped the Tiger defense prepare each week in practice, as part of his duties with the offensive scout team.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Played on powerhouse Ray-Pec team that won three consecutive Missouri Class 5 state championships in 2004, 2005 and 2006 … Was the team's primary deep snapper for his 3 years on varsity, and also played as a reserve wideout … Also lettered 3 times each in basketball and track and field … Was part of the 2004 conference champ team in hoops, and won All-Conference honors in the high jump, triple jump and hurdles in track … High school coach – Tom Kruse.

### :: PERSONAL

Parent – Evelyn Dennis … Plans to study in Mizzou's esteemed School of Journalism, with a desire to major in broadcast journalism … Has a career goal of someday earning an anchor's spot with ESPN … Is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes … Won a state title as a junior in high school in reader's theater for on-stage acting and performance art.

# #58
# BRENDAN DONALDSON

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-2 • 295 • So.-Sq.**

**St. Joseph, Mo.**
**(Central HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Offensive line prospect from the west side of the state who hopes to make contributions to the Tiger offense in his 3rd year in the program … Is a walk-on student-athlete who begins fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart at left guard, where he has played primarily over the last 2 years.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Continued his contributions to the offensive scout team, mostly at the guard position … Won the team's offensive Back-Up Player of the Week award for his efforts during game preparation leading up to the Oklahoma State game.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Joined the program in the fall as a walk-on and contributed in countless ways as part of the offensive scout team.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-sport athlete at St. Joseph's Central High School, lettering in football, track and field and wrestling … Was a 1st-Team All-State selection as a senior defensive tackle, and also won team most valuable player honors … Was also named the St. Joseph News-Press Defensive Player of the Year, and was an All-Suburban 6 selection on both the defensive and offensive line … Named Suburban 6 defensive player of the year, as well … Was a two-year team captain … Also won 1st-Team All-Suburban 6 honors as a junior on both the offensive and defensive lines … High school coach – Tony Dudik.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Amos & Patty Donaldson … Father played offensive line for Kansas State … Plans to study in MU's School of Business, with designs on earning a degree in finance … Lists hobbies as working out and playing basketball, outside of his football time.

# #38 CHRIS EARNHARDT

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-5 • 255 • So.-1L**

**Springfield, Mo.**
**(Hillcrest HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Still-developing defensive line prospect who has an opportunity in front of him to earn some significant playing time, as the Tiger line is looking to replace 3 starters from a year ago … Begins fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the tackle position vacated by Ziggy Hood, who was a 1st-round draft pick by the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers … Moved inside during the spring after playing end his first 2 years at Mizzou … Changed his jersey to #38 prior to spring ball, after donning #95 his first 2 years in the program.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Played in 7 games in his first year of on-field action, and showed the ability to provide solid production … Registered 17 tackles in his reserve duty, including 1 tackle for loss (4 yards), while adding a pair of quarterback hurries … Made a career-best 5 tackles against Nevada, and had 3 tackles each in outings against Colorado, Oklahoma State and Southeast Missouri State.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Was able to redshirt and get practice experience on the defensive scout team, while getting bigger and stronger in the Tiger strength and conditioning program.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

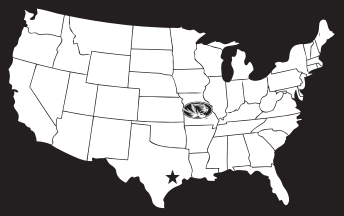
Rated as the No. 12 player in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com, as well as the No. 41 strongside defensive end in the country by the same outlet … Ranked by Super Prep as the state's No. 16 overall prospect, as the nation's No. 96 defensive end prospect, and as the No. 57 overall prospect (any position) in the Midlands region … Was a 1st-Team All-State selection by Missouri sports writers, as well as a 2nd-Team All-State pick by coaches … Won area defensive player of the year honors after an impressive senior season … High school coach – Gary Turner.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of Melissa Earnhardt … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas State, Kansas and Illinois, among others … Has an interest in studying food science and nutrition at Mizzou … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

# #32 WILL EBNER

**Linebacker**
**6-1 • 230 • So.-1L**



**Friendswood, Texas**
**(Friendswood HS)**

**AWARDS**

2009 Team Spring
Most Improved Linebacker

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Begins fall drills at the middle linebacker position, where he is listed at No. 2 on the depth chart … Had a labrum tear repaired in his right shoulder during the off-season, which was thought might limit him somewhat during spring ball, but he played through it very well and was named the team's Most Improved Linebacker Award winner for his efforts during spring camp … Had 3 tackles during the Black & Gold Spring Game.

### :: 2008 SEASON

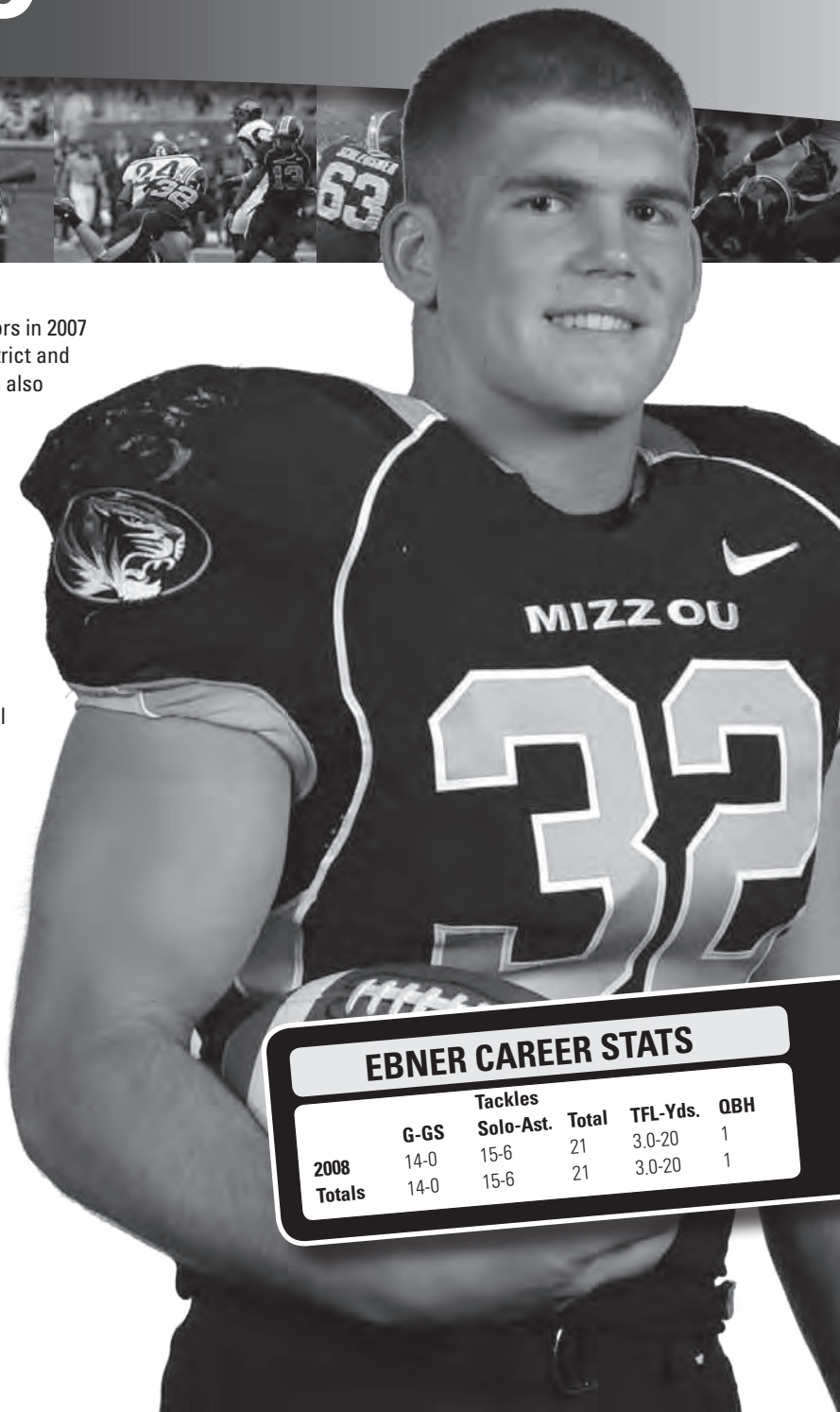
Saw action in all 14 games, and totaled 21 tackles, 3 tackles for loss and 1 quarterback hurry … Was a standout on Tiger special teams coverage units, as he made some ferocious hits throughout the year as a gunner … Won the team's weekly Hammer Award for his 3 big hits during the Tigers' 69-17 win over Nevada … Had 10 tackles on kickoff coverage (4th-best on team), while getting 2 stops on punt coverage duties (2nd-best on team).

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the nation's No. 29 middle linebacker prospect, according to Scout.com, while rating as the No. 39 inside linebacker in the nation, according to Rivals.com … Named 2nd-Team All-State and District 23-4A Defensive Player of the Year in 2007 … Other honors in 2007 included being named the district and county defensive MVP… Was also a 1st-Team All-District punter, while earning honorable mention Academic All-State acclaim for his work in the classroom … Three-year letterwinner in both football and track and field … Was a district champion in the discus in 2007, and also finished 2nd in his regional, while qualifying for the state championships … High school coach – Steve Van Meter.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Tommy & Elaine Ebner … Older brother Jake currently plays tight end at the University of Houston, where their father Tommy also played college ball … Lists hunting, fishing and ultimate Frisbee as his hobbies … Is interested in studying in Mizzou's College of Business … Chose Mizzou over Northwestern, Houston and UAB, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Craig Kuligowski.




## EBNER CAREER STATS

| | G-GS | Tackles Solo-Ast. | Total | TFL-Yds. | QBH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2008 | 14-0 | 15-6 | 21 | 3.0-20 | 1 |
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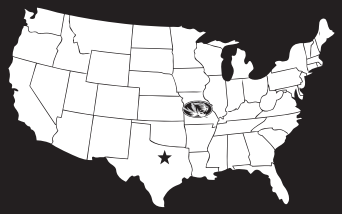
# #1
# KIP EDWARDS

**Defensive Back**
**6-1 • 200 • RS-Fr.**



**Arlington, Texas**
**(Bowie HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Superb athlete who has a chance to earn significant playing time as a redshirt freshman cornerback … Begins fall camp listed 2nd on the depth chart at one corner spot, after moving up a spot during a hotly-contested spring camp session that saw him end things in the annual spring game by nabbing an interception and returning it over 60 yards for a near-touchdown … Ended the spring game with 3 tackles in all, to go with the interception … Changed jersey number to #1 prior to spring ball, after wearing #9 in his first year in the Tiger program.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st season in the Tiger program, and was impressive throughout the year as part of the defensive scout team … Won the team's defensive Back-Up Player of the Week award for his efforts during preparation for Mizzou's game at Baylor.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

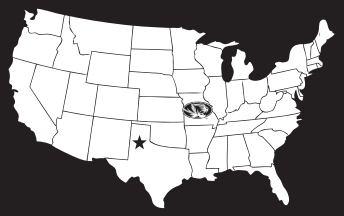
Ranked by Rivals.com as the nation's No. 42 cornerback prospect, as well as the No. 97 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Texas … Named a midlands All-Region player by PrepStar Magazine … Named a 1st-Team All-State player as a senior in 2007, as he recorded 65 tackles, broke up 15 passes and nabbed 7 INTs, while blocking 2 punts and 1 field goal on special teams units … Was a team captain as a senior … Earned All-District honors in 2006 as a junior, with 59 tackles, adding 13 pass break ups and 4 INTs … High school coach – Kenny Perry.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Kip & Lecia Edwards … Says that Mizzou's academic reputation and dedication to students, as well as the relationship he forged with MU's coaches, and the new Mizzou Athletic Training Complex, were all instrumental in his choosing to become a Tiger … … Has a potential academic interest in studying early childhood development or sports medicine … Lists hobbies as working on cars, listening to music, playing video games and watching television … Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Louisville and Kansas, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Dave Steckel.

# #82
# MICHAEL EGNEW

**Tight End**
**6-6 • 215 • So.-1L**



**Plainview, Texas**
**(Plainview HS)**

## AWARDS

2009 Team Spring
Most Improved Tight End

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Talented young tight end prospect who will now have the chance to move into a leading role in the Tiger offense, with the departure of 2008 All-American Chase Coffman … Suffered a high ankle sprain late in spring camp that was fixed surgically, which forced him to miss the spring game, but the procedure will get him healthy in time for the summer … Was impressive enough prior to the setback to be named the team's Most Improved Tight End at the spring game.

## :: 2008 SEASON

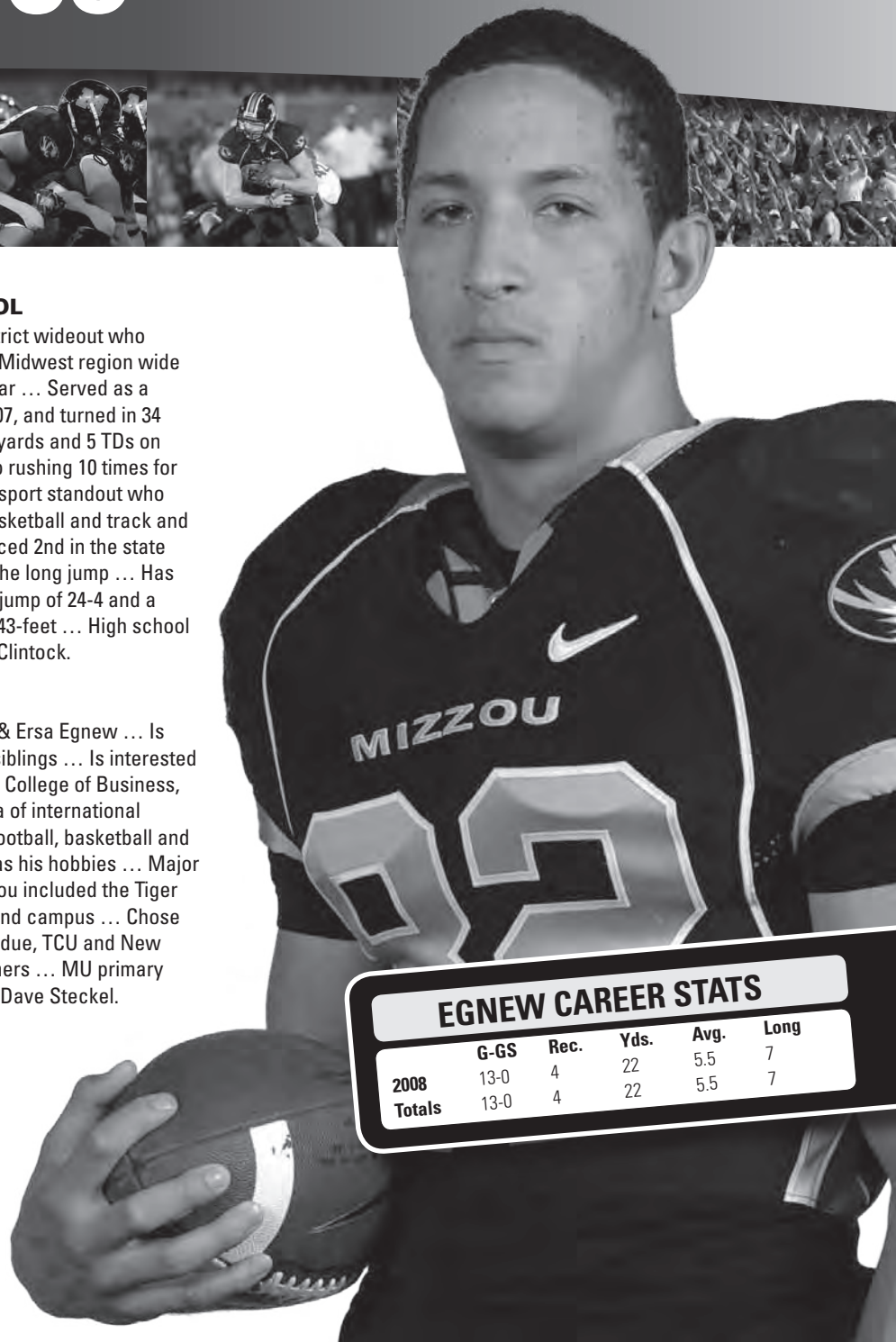
Earned playing time as a true freshman and saw action in 13 games at the tight end spot … Ended the year with 4 catches for 22 yards … Caught 2 passes for 11 yards each in games against Southeast Missouri State and again against Iowa State, when he helped the Tigers wrap up their 2nd consecutive Big 12 North Division championship … Also spent considerable time on the Tiger kickoff return unit as part of the front line, and was also part of the hands team that defended onside kick attempts.

## :: HIGH SCHOOL

A two-time All-District wideout who was named an All-Midwest region wide receiver by PrepStar … Served as a team captain in 2007, and turned in 34 receptions for 587 yards and 5 TDs on the year, while also rushing 10 times for 53 yards … Three-sport standout who also excelled in basketball and track and field, where he placed 2nd in the state championships in the long jump … Has a career best long jump of 24-4 and a triple jump best of 43-feet … High school coach – Marty McClintock.

## :: PERSONAL

Parents – Richard & Ersa Egnew … Is the eighth of nine siblings … Is interested in studying in MU's College of Business, perhaps in the area of international business … Lists football, basketball and listening to music as his hobbies … Major attractions to Mizzou included the Tiger coaches, players and campus … Chose the Tigers over Purdue, TCU and New Mexico, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Dave Steckel.




## EGNEW CAREER STATS

| | G-GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | Long |
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| 2008 | 13-0 | 4 | 22 | 5.5 | 7 |
| Totals | 13-0 | 4 | 22 | 5.5 | 7 |

# #51 MARK ELLIS

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-2 • 270 • Sr.**

**Peculiar, Mo.**
**(Raymore-Peculiar HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

A two-sport hopeful who is giving football a shot in his last year of eligibility … Is a 2009 national champion heavyweight wrestler for Mizzou … Walked on the football team for spring practice and had a solid spring camp playing defensive end, and is determined to make the team when fall camp rolls around … Has one year of football eligibility, as well as wrestling eligibility, and he plans to try them both … Is best friends with former Tiger Chase Coffman, as they grew up and played sports together in Peculiar, Mo. … At Mizzou, roomed with two-time NCAA wrestling champion Ben Askren, and credits Askren's championship attitude for the success he's enjoyed on the mat.

### :: MIZZOU WRESTLING

Won the NCAA Championship in the heavyweight division, becoming Mizzou's first-ever heavyweight national champ (and only the second Tiger ever to win an NCAA wrestling title), when he claimed a 3-2 sudden-death overtime win over 5th-ranked Konrad Dudziak of Duke in the title bout to improve to 31-3 on the season … Also qualified for the NCAA Championships in each of his first two seasons, becoming the first MU heavyweight to reach the national meet in consecutive years since 1995.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

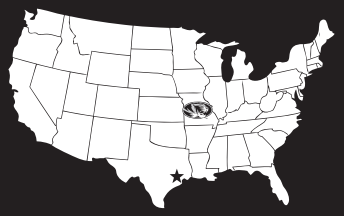
A two-sport standout, Ellis was a 1st-Team All-Conference defensive end, and helped the team to the 2004 Missouri Class 5 state football championship … Had 6 tackles, 1 quarterback sack and a pass broken up in the game … Wrestled at 215 pounds for Head Coach Paul Barbarice … Earned the Missouri State title as a senior (2005) … Competed at the Brut-Adidas Folkstyle Nationals as a junior (2004) and the National High School Coaches Association as a senior … Earned recognition as a two-time All-American … High school coach – Tom Kruse.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Mark & Colleen Ellis … The second of four children, Ellis has two sisters, Johnna (25) an assistant women's basketball coach at Henderson State University in Arkansas, and Julia (21) and a brother, Dakota (15).

# #26 RYAN EVANS

**Defensive Back**
**5-9 • 185 • So.**



**Houston, Texas**
**(Episcopal High School)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Walk-on defensive back who will look to work his way up the depth chart … Is a talented athlete who never got a chance to shine in high school, due to injuries he suffered prior to his junior and senior seasons.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

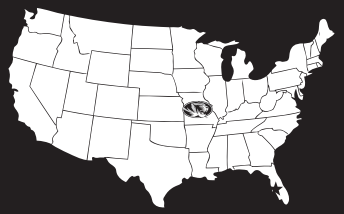
Had a tough-luck run with injuries that pretty well sideline him each of his last two years at Episcopal High School in the Houston, Texas area … Tore his left ACL in the beginning of his junior season, and just prior to his senior season, tore the ACL in his other knee, in 7-on-7 drills … Lettered two years in football and was a four-year letter-winner in track and field, where he was an all-conference performer in the 400-meters, as well as 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams … Also was a conference finalist in the shot put … High school coach – Dick Philips.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Ronnie & Stelena Evans … Plans to major in accounting within MU's esteemed School of Business, which was one of the main draws for him to come to Mizzou … Long-term goals are to earn a Master's degree in accounting and practice accounting for his trade … Lists playing musical instruments as a hobby of his outside of football, in fact, he originally was going to major in music

# #72 ELVIS FISHER

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-5 • 300 • So.-1L**



**Saint Petersburg, Fla.**
**(Catholic HS)**

## AWARDS

2008 1st-Team Freshman All-American
(Phil Steele, Sporting News)

2008 Team Freshman of the Year

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

The blind side of Tiger quarterbacks stands in good hands for the next several years with this 2008 1st-Team Freshman All-American returning … Is an imposing physical presence who has great athleticism and technique, to go with a nice mean streak when needed … Begins fall camp as the incumbent starter at the left tackle spot, where he's listed No. 1 on the depth chart going in.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Went from No. 2 on the depth chart to start fall camp at left tackle, to being named a 1st-Team Freshman All-American … Won the starting job in fall camp protecting the blind side of Hesiman hopeful QB Chase Daniel, despite never having played a snap in college … Played very well all throughout the year, and was named the team's freshman of the year after starting all 14 games at left tackle … Helped guide the Tiger offense to the most prolific statistical year in school history, as Mizzou ranked in the top 10 of NCAA national categories for passing offense (4th – 330.36 ypg), scoring offense (6th – 42.21 ppg), total offense (8th – 484.14 ypg) and passing efficiency (10th – 157.84 rating) … Mizzou's line also ranked 16th in the NCAA in fewest sacks allowed per game (1.21), despite throwing the ball 565 times in 14 games.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Spent his 1st year in the program working hard in practice and turned heads throughout the year for his solid play while gaining a redshirt.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 53 offensive tackle prospect, as well as the No. 76 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Florida … Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 85 overall prospect in the state of Florida (all positions) … Also participated in track, where he was a state qualifier for 3 years … High school coach – Dan Mancuso.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of Jeff Fisher, who is a radio broadcaster and who has served in the past as a radio analyst for the University of South Florida football team … Chose Mizzou over Florida, West Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina State and South Florida, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

# #11
# BLAINE GABBERT

**Quarterback**
**6-5 • 235 • So.-Sq.**

**Ballwin, Mo.**
**(Parkway West HS)**

**AWARDS**

2009 Spring Team
Most Improved Offensive Back

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## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Highly-skilled and physically gifted quarterback who is the favorite to win the job of replacing record-setting quarterback Chase Daniel, as he is the only Tiger quarterback on the roster with collegiate experience, having played in 5 games as a true freshman in 2008 … Ended spring by completing 9-of-17 passes for 93 yards in the Black & Gold Spring Game, and was named the team's Most Improved Offensive Back for his efforts … Has shown that he has the confidence, leadership, mental makeup and work habits to step in and continue Mizzou's outstanding quarterback play they've enjoyed from 2002-08 with Brad Smith and Daniel.

### :: 2008 SEASON

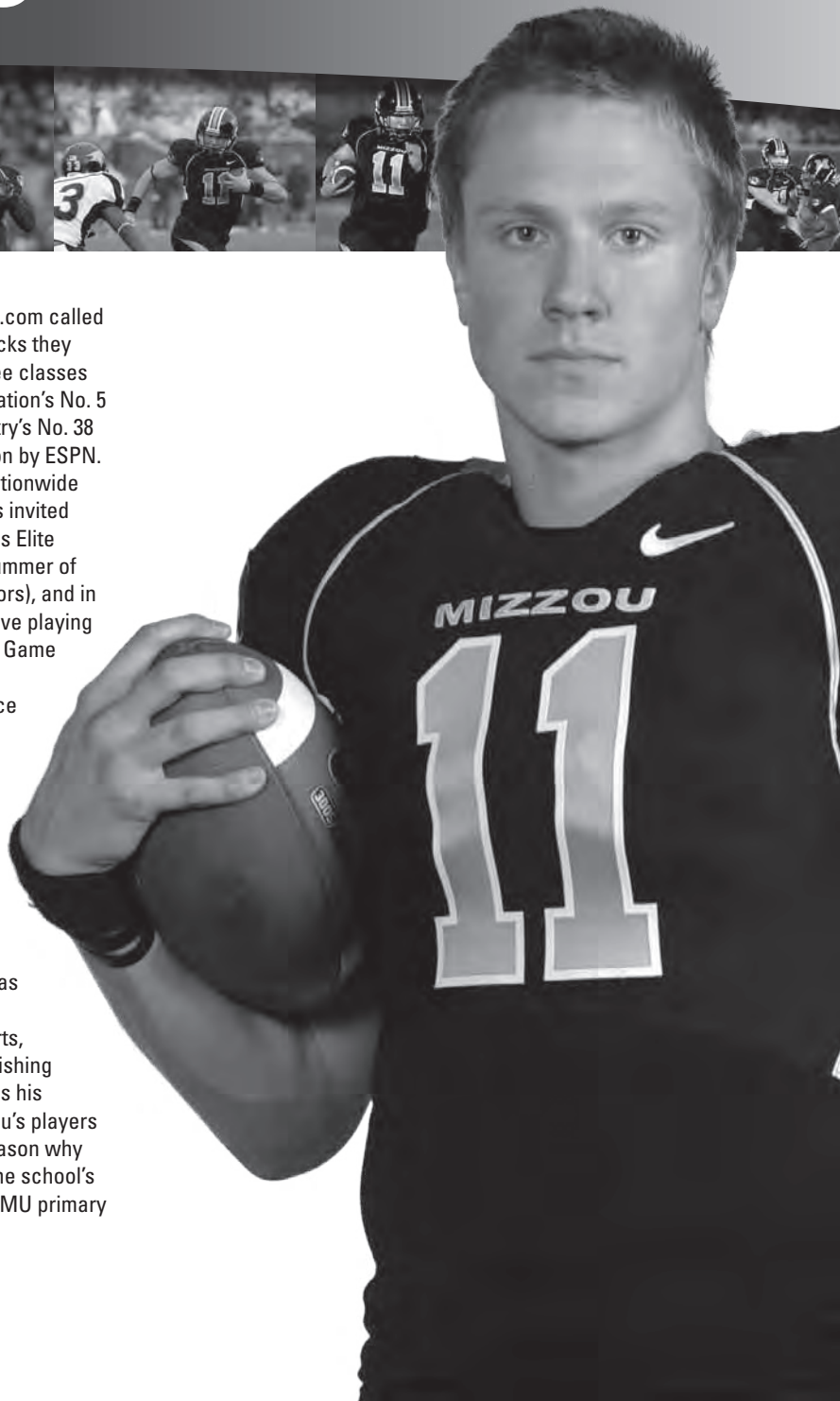
Saw action in 5 games in reserve duty, and showed good promise in his limited time behind center … Led the Tiger offense to a touchdown against Colorado and a field goal against Nevada, and his final numbers included 5-of-13 passing for 43 yards, to go with 6 rushes for 22 yards.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a five-star blue-chip All-American who was hailed as the nation's top pro-style quarterback prospect, according to Rivals.com, and was that outlet's No. 14 national player overall at any position … Was also the consensus No. 1 player in the state of Missouri … ESPN.com called him one of the best quarterbacks they have seen in the previous three classes combined … Ranked as the nation's No. 5 quarterback, and as the country's No. 38 overall prospect at any position by ESPN.com, and came in at No. 47 nationwide by PrepStar Magazine … Was invited to participate in the prestigious Elite 11 quarterback camp in the summer of 2007 (winning camp MVP honors), and in January of 2008, was impressive playing in the U.S. Army All-American Game … Also a standout in baseball who has earned All-Conference recognition there … High school coach – Mike Roth.

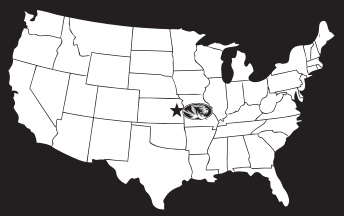
### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Chuck & Beverly Gabbert … Chose Mizzou over virtually any school in the nation, but primarily over Nebraska, Oregon, Tennesse, Alabama, Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State and Minnesota, among numerous others … Lists sports, hanging out with friends and fishing as his primary hobbies … Cites his strong relationship with Mizzou's players and coaches, for a primary reason why he chose Mizzou, as well as the school's proximity to his hometown … MU primary recruiting coach – David Yost.



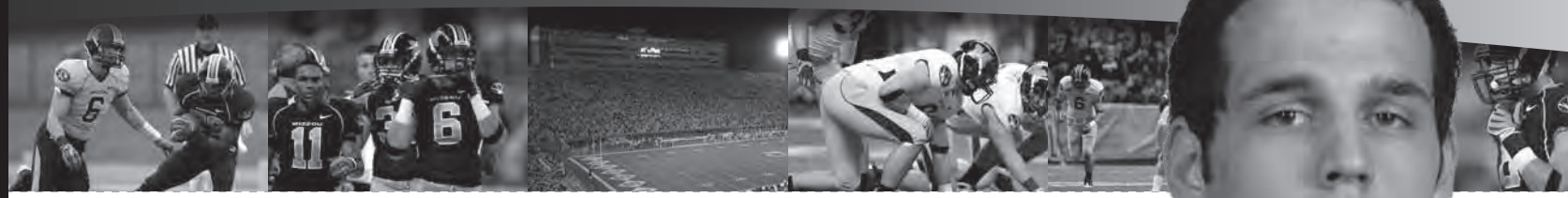
# #6
# ANDREW GACHKAR

**Linebacker**
**6-3 • 230 • Jr.-2L**



**Overland Park, Kan.**
**(Blue Valley West HS)**





## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

A fearless, relentless and physical defender who is looking to win himself a spot in the starting lineup after being a valuable member of special teams units each of the past 2 years … Will line up on defense at the strongside linebacker spot, where he is listed atop the depth chart heading into fall camp … Had a strong spring camp, and he ended things by registering 5 tackles in the Black & Gold Spring Game.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Was a nice story in 2008, as he came all the way back from major surgery in the off-season where he had a rib removed due to blood clotting issues in his arm and upper body – his football future was in doubt initially, but showed great drive in order to recover and get back in football shape … Showed solid development in his second year in the program, as he had 28 tackles in 14 games … Changed his jersey number to #6 before the spring, after wearing #40 his first season.

### :: 2007 SEASON

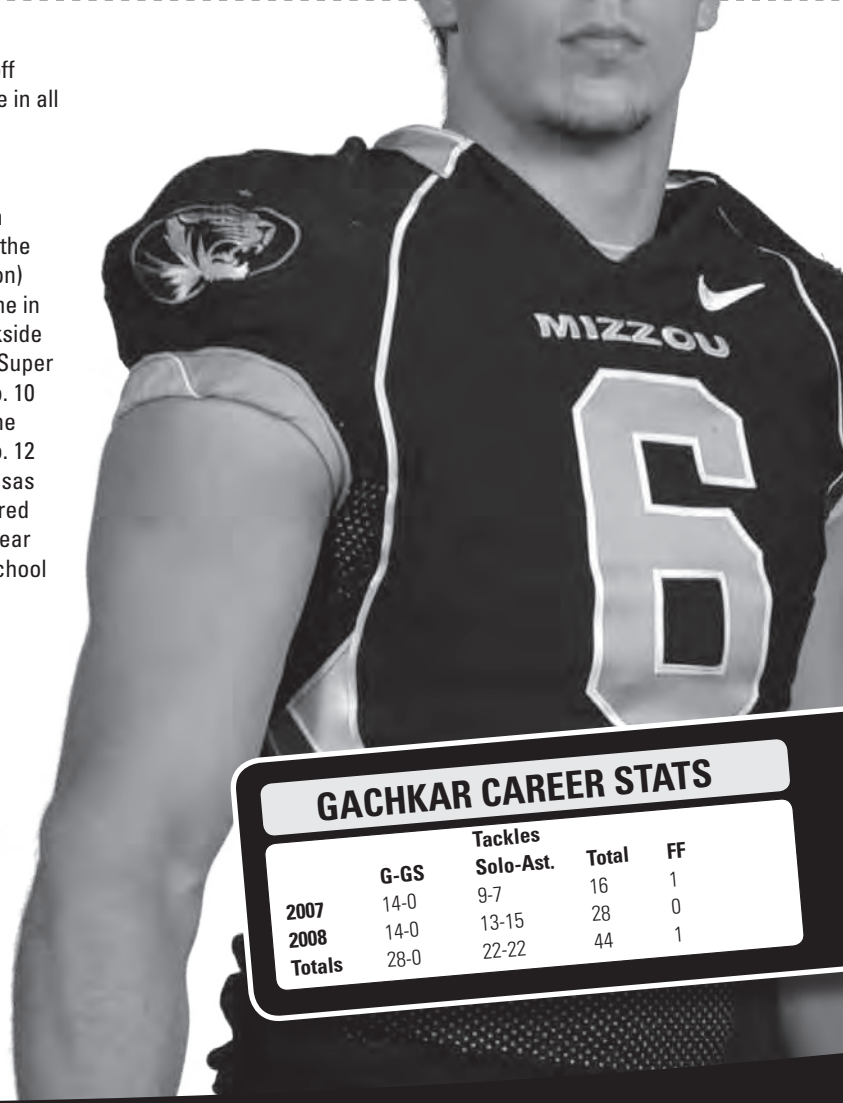
Showed early on in fall camp that he was ready to contribute as a true freshman, and Tiger coaches played him right away, as he ended with 16 tackles in 14 games … Focused primarily on special teams, where he used his strength and speed to be an impact player on the kickoff coverage unit … Recorded a tackle in all but 2 games on the season.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

A self-proclaimed lifelong Tiger fan who was ranked by Super Prep as the No. 46 overall prospect (any position) in the Midlands region … Also came in as the nation's No. 33-ranked weakside linebacker prospect, according to Super Prep, who also rated him as the No. 10 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Kansas … Rated as the No. 12 overall prospect in the state of Kansas by Rivals.com, despite being hindered by an injured shoulder during the year that limited his statistics … High school coach – Scott Wright.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Tom & Tina Gachkar … Father is a Mizzou alum … Plans to study engineering at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Michigan, Purdue, Kansas State and Kansas, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.




## GACHKAR CAREER STATS

| | G-GS | Tackles Solo-Ast. | Total | FF |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2007 | 14-0 | 9-7 | 16 | 1 |
| 2008 | 14-0 | 13-15 | 28 | 0 |
| Totals | 28-0 | 22-22 | 44 | 1 |

# #16 BRANDON GERAU

**Wide Receiver**
**6-0 • 175 • So.-Sq.**

**Columbia, Mo.**
**(Rock Bridge HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Outstanding all-around athlete who has shown the ability to contribute to the Tiger receiving corps this season … Was impressive enough during spring drills to be awarded a scholarship for his efforts and talent … With some veteran receivers limited during the spring due to various injuries, made the most of a golden opportunity to establish himself, and he spent most of the spring listed at No. 1 on the depth chart at the X-receiver position … Closed the spring by catching 2 passes for 32 yards in the Black & Gold Spring Game … Moves over in the fall to the Z-receiver position, where he begins fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth heading in … Is a hometown product who prepped at Rock Bridge High School and grew up dreaming of playing for the Tigers.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Saw his 1st collegiate action, logging snaps in 4 games during the season … Saw the field in games against Southeast Missouri State, Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas State … Won the team's Offensive Back-Up Player of the Week award for his work in practice leading up to the season-opening win over Illinois … Had a solid spring camp, where he showed consistently in practices and scrimmages that he can be part of the offensive attack … Closed spring camp with a good outing in the Black & Gold Spring Game, when he caught 3 passes for 57 yards, which tied for most receiving yardage on the day by any Tiger.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on and was a solid contributor all throughout the year in practice.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Two-sport standout at Rock Bridge High School, lettering 3 years each in football and baseball … Was an All-District and All-Area performer as a wide receiver, and set the school record for most career receiving yards … Also earned All-State honors in baseball as a junior, and pulled in All-District honors on the diamond all 3 years … High school coach – A.J. Ofodile, a former Mizzou standout tight end.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – John & Stacy Gerau … Is majoring in marketing at Mizzou, and has plans to own his own business after his playing days are done.

# #19 CARL GETTIS

**Defensive Back**
**5-11 • 200 • Jr.-2L**

**O'Fallon, Mo.**
**(Fort Zumwalt South HS)**

## AWARDS

2008 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (AP)

2007 2nd-Team Freshman All-American (College Football News)

2007 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (Coaches)

2007 Team Cornerback of the Year

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Regarded as MU's top cover cornerback who is also a physical hitter … Has also learned the nickel spot, in which he played quite a bit when William Moore was out of the lineup early in the 2008 season … After winning honorable mention All-Big 12 honors each of his first 2 years, is in line to bring home some more honors in 2009 … Is slated for his 3rd year as a starter, as he's atop the depth chart at one corner position heading into fall drills.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Continued to develop into one of the better defenders in the Big 12 Conference, and was tabbed by the Associated Press as an honorable mention All-Big 12 performer at cornerback … Started all 14 games for the Tigers and had a career-best 78 tackles … Displayed some prime hoop skills during the spring, when he teamed with Tommy Chavis, Thomas Hellm and Coach Dave Christensen to win the team's annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Despite his inexperience on defense, he quickly established himself as one of the Tigers' top playmakers there, and it took him only 5 games to win the starting spot, which he never relinquished the rest of the way … Earned 2nd-Team Freshman All-American honors by College Football News, as well as honorable mention All-Big 12 acclaim from league coaches … Also took home the team's cornerback of the year award.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as the nation's No. 45 running back prospect by Rivals.com, and the No. 11 overall player in the state of Missouri (all positions) … Accumulated nearly 2,000 yards from scrimmage as a senior in 2006, adding 21 total TDs on the season … Rushed for 1,300 yards and 21 TDs in 2006, while adding nearly 700 receiving yards on the way to racking up All-State, All-Conference and All-District honors … An accomplished student who was a two-time winner of his team's academic award … Was also a standout on the hardcourt for his school, as he earned team MVP honors and All-District recognition in basketball … High school coach - Paul Day.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents - Earnest & Paula Gettis … Is interested in pursuing a degree in business finance at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Tennessee, Mississippi, Kansas, Memphis and Vanderbilt, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter - Cornell Ford.

## GETTIS CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo-Ast. | Total | TFL | INT | PBU |
| 2007 | 14-10 | 39-10 | 49 | 2-5 | 1-0 | 1 |
| 2008 | 14-14 | 52-26 | 78 | 4-8 | 1-27 | 4 |
| Totals | 28-24 | 91-36 | 127 | 6-13 | 2-27 | 5 |

# #35 JEFF GETTYS

**Linebacker**
**6-3 • 235 • Jr.-2L**

**Houston, Mo.**
**(Houston HS)**

## AWARDS

2007 Team Walk-on Player of the Year

2007 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Physical defender who gives the Tigers good size and athleticism and a fearless mentality at the linebacker spot and on special teams, where he's been a standout for the past 2 seasons … Is likely to continue his role on special teams units in 2009, in addition to challenging for playing time on defense, where he enters fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart at the strongside linebacker position … Had a pair of tackles in the Black & Gold Game to close spring ball … Last name is pronounced GET-iss.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Saw significant action in all 14 games, making his impact primarily on special teams … Made at least 1 tackle in each of the first 3 games … Opened the year with 2 stops against Illinois … Made 3 tackles against Southeast Missouri State and had 1 against Nevada … Also intercepted his 1st career pass against Nevada, returning it 27 yards for a touchdown to put the final touches on a 69-17 Tiger blowout win … A former walk-on who was awarded a scholarship after the 2007 season … Changed his jersey to #35 prior to the spring after wearing #53 previously.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Athletic linebacker who became a special teams standout in his 1st year as a redshirt freshman, playing in all 14 games on various units … Awarded with the team's Walk-on Player of the Year honor at the annual team banquet in November … An outstanding student who was selected to the Academic All-Big 12 second team.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

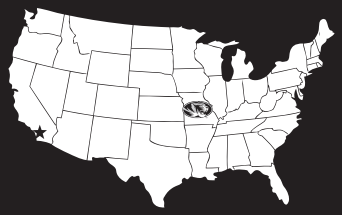
Was a four-sport letterman at Houston High School, playing football, baseball, basketball and track in his time there … Amassed 323 tackles in his 4 years playing linebacker at Houston, including 99 as a senior and 121 as a junior when he won 1st-Team All-Conference honors each year … Helped lead his team to consecutive appearances in the state semi-finals in 2004 and 2005 … Also won honorable mention All-Conference status in baseball as an outfielder and was a 2nd-Team All-Conference performer in the 4x200 relay in track.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents - Scott & Angie Gettys … Plans to major in business management at Mizzou, and lists MU's esteemed School of Business as one of the top drawing cards that led him to Columbia.

# #43 JON GISSINGER

**Tight End**
**6-3 • 250 • Sr.-3L**



**San Diego, Calif.**
**(Poway HS)**

**AWARDS**

2006 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Veteran tight end who is also an accomplished long snapper… Caught 3 passes in the Black & Gold Game to close spring camp … Enters fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at tight end, and is likely to continue his service on the Tiger kickoff return unit … Was taught long snapping by his father, Andrew, who played offensive line for Syracuse collegiately, and from 1982-86 for the NFL's San Diego Chargers.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Played in all 14 games, and helped spring the way for Jeremy Maclin to take a return 99 yards for a TD in the season opener against Illinois … As an upback on the kickoff return squad, caught 3 kickoffs, returning them for a total of 26 yards.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Reserve tight end who was a key member of the kickoff return team, a unit which ranked 23rd in the nation with an average of 23.33 yards per return … Played in all 14 games.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games, playing primarily on MU's kickoff return unit … An outstanding student who earned 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors.

### :: 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

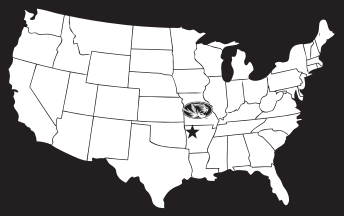
Was an All-Conference selection at tight end as a senior … Was a team captain and earned team's most inspirational award … Is also considered one of the top lacrosse players on the West Coast, who was recruited by virtually all high-profile lacrosse programs around the country, including Syracuse … Was an All-State selection in lacrosse … High school coach – Damian Gonzalez.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of Andrew III & Melissa Gissinger and Gloria Truitte … Chose MU over LSU, Arizona State, Maryland, Kansas, Hawaii and South Florida, among others … Plans to study marketing, and MU's School of Business was a factor in his decision to attend Mizzou.

# #16 ASHTON GLASER

**Quarterback**
**6-2 • 210 • Fr.**



**Springdale, Ark.**
**(Springdale HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Highly-touted dual-threat quarterback prospect who was a January enrollee at Mizzou, and participated in 2009 spring drills … Displayed some impressive skills during the spring, and begins fall camp listed No. 4 on the depth chart … Ranked as the No. 8 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Arkansas by Rivals.com, and is also Rivals' No. 21 dual-threat quarterback prospect in the nation, while ESPN.com lists him as their No. 42 overall quarterback prospect in the country … ESPN calls him a big-time sleeper who is very savvy in and outside of the pocket and who has the physical skills needed to be a productive quarterback at the college level.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

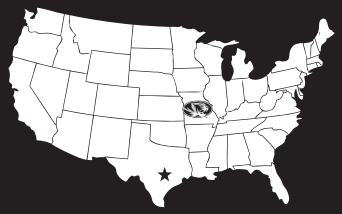
Directed the No. 1 offense in the state of Arkansas as a senior in 2008, throwing for 3,169 yards and 31 touchdowns, while also rushing for 351 yards and 17 more scores in a spread system much like Mizzou's spread attack … Was the Arkansas Offensive Player of the Year in 2008, adding to numerous All-State, and All-Conference honors as well … Earned All-State and All-Conference honors as a junior in 2007, as he threw for 2,595 yards and 23 touchdowns, while rushing for 788 yards and 13 scores … Was an accomplished soccer player who was an All-State performer each of his freshman, sophomore and junior years in high school … High school coach – Kevin Johnson.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Sean & Carin Glaser … Interested in studying chemistry at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as working out, playing golf and playing X-Box … Chose Mizzou over Arkansas, Auburn, Kansas State and Oklahoma State, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – David Yost.

# #21 ZAVIAR GOODEN

**Linebacker**
**6-2 • 210 • RS-Fr.**



**Pflugerville, Texas**
**(Pfugerville HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Spent his 1st year in the Tiger program as a redshirt, and is ready to hit the field in 2009, where he'll look to establish himself as part of the linebacking corps … It is a new position for him, as he moved there after the conclusion of spring ball, after working at safety in his 1st year with the program … Begins fall drills listed as No. 2 on the depth chart at the strongside linebacker position … Had 3 tackles in the spring game from the safety position … Changed his jersey to #21 prior to spring ball, after wearing #40 during his 1st year in the program.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Showed his considerable athletic skills on a daily basis in practice … Named the defense's Back-Up Player of the Week twice for his efforts in practice prior to games against Oklahoma State and Kansas.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

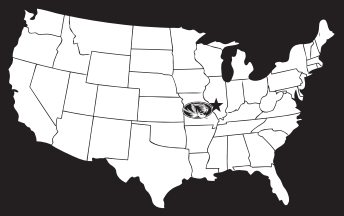
Rated as the nation's No. 32 safety prospect by Rivals.com, as well as the No. 56 overall player (any position) in the state of Texas … Played a major role on his team which went 12-4 in 2007 and finished as 5A state runners up … Won district all-purpose player of the year honors in 2007, and was also a 1st-Team All-District safety and 2nd-Team All-District running back … Also starred in track, running on his team's sprint relay and mile relay squads which have qualified for regionals each year … Has a 400-meter personal best of 48 seconds … High school coach – George Herrman.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents Maury & Tonia Gooden … Has an interest in studying entrepreneurship in MU's College of Business … Spent time volunteering in his local PALS program, as well as the Ready, Set, Teach program … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma, Purdue, Kansas, Oklahoma State, Stanford, Texas Tech and Iowa State, among others … Indicated that the family atmosphere from the Mizzou coaches, players and Columbia community were a big factor in his choosing MU … MU primary recruiting coach – Brian Jones.

# #99 MATT GRABNER

**Punter**
**6-4 • 200 • So.**



**Alton, Ill.**
**(Marquette Catholic HS/Mississippi)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Newcomer to the team who joined in time for spring ball … Will look to compete for the punting job this fall, competing with incumbent starter Jake Harry … Displayed a strong leg during spring scrimmaging, and that he's got the potential to be a contributor … Enters fall camp listed 2nd on the depth chart at punter.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport letterwinner at Marquette Catholic High School, where he was an All-Conference honoree as a senior during the 2006 season in football – his only year playing the sport … Also lettered 3 years each in basketball and soccer.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Walt & Deborah Grabner … His family is heavily into the service professions, as his father is a firefighter, while his mother is a nurse … Is studying in the health sciences, with eventual plans to major in nutrition and fitness … Lists hobbies outside of football as soccer, working out and swimming … Has played on the MU men's club soccer team.

# #78 KURTIS GREGORY

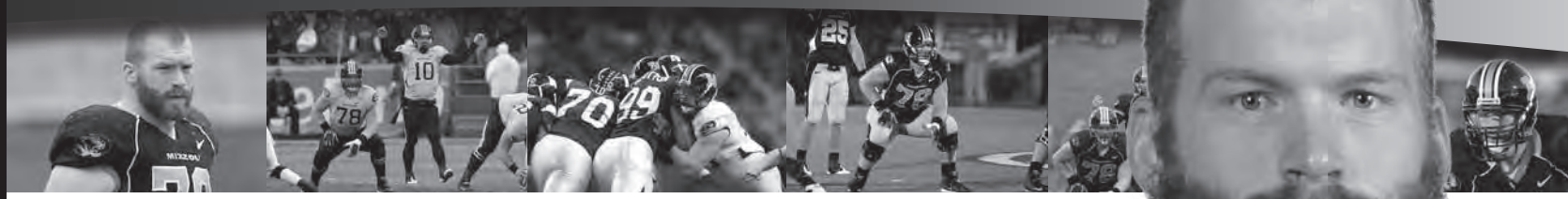
**Offensive Lineman**
**6-5 • 305 • Sr.-3L**

**Blackburn, Mo.**
**(Santa Fe HS)**

## AWARDS

- 2009 Mizzou ROARS Varsity M Male Athlete of the Year
- 2008 May Graduate
- 2008 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2008 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (AP)
- 2008 2nd-Team Academic All-Big 12
- 2008 Big 12/Chick-Fil-A Community Champion
- 2008 Team Jeff Rigman Outstanding Underclassman Leadership Award
- 2007 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (AP)
- 2007 ESPN The Magazine 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12
- 2006 & 2007 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12





## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

One of the top returning offensive linemen in the Big 12 Conference who could be Mizzou's top honors candidate on the offensive side of the ball heading into the 2009 season … Is also an outstanding student who has already earned his degree from Mizzou – graduated in May 2008, in just 3 years, and he's in line to receive his master's by May 2010 … Serves as the Vice President and Treasurer on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Started all 14 games at right guard for Mizzou's record-setting offense … Was named 2nd-Team All-Big 12 by league coaches for his efforts, and was named the team's outstanding underclassman leadership honoree.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Won honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press for his outstanding play in his 1st year as a starter at right guard … Won 1st-Team Academic All-District and 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors in 2007.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman … Is an outstanding student who earned 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 honors.

### :: 2005 SEASON

Redshirt season.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 41 defensive tackle prospect in the nation, and as the No. 9 overall prospect in the state of Missouri for 2005 … Earned All-State honors 3 times offensively, and twice defensively … Was also a 1st-Team All-Conference selection on offense 3 times, and defensively 2 times … High school coaches – Bill Fox & Jarrod Borland.

### :: PERSONAL

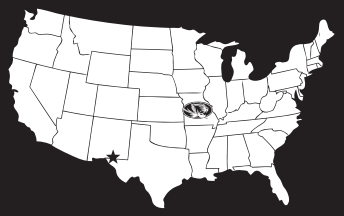
Son of Roger & Ruth Gregory … Chose MU over Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska, among others … Lists hobbies as hunting, fishing, farm work and trap shooting … Earned his undergraduate degree this past May in agricultural management, and is now pursuing a master's degree in agriculture.

## GREGORY CAREER STATS

| | G-GS |
|---|---|
| 2006 | 13-0 |
| 2007 | 14-14 |
| 2008 | 14-14 |
| Totals | 41-28 |

# #90 DOMINIQUE HAMILTON

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-6 • 290 • So.-1L**



**El Paso, Texas**
**(Chapin HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Talented young defensive lineman with a big upside that has Tiger coaches looking forward to his continued development … Had an impressive spring camp where he showed he's making strides, and that he's expected to challenge for significant playing time at the noseguard position … Is listed 2nd on the depth chart at the noseguard spot entering fall drills, as the primary understudy to returning starter Jaron Baston.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Gave solid contributions to the depth of the Tiger defensive line as a redshirt freshman … Saw action in 13 games on the season, and made 18 tackles in reserve duty … Also added a pass break up in MU's 31-28 win at Baylor to begin the November stretch run … Made 2 tackles, including a TFL against Southeast Missouri State … Added 2 stops the following week against Nevada and had 1 tackle against Buffalo which resulted in a forced fumble … Made 3 tackles in back-to-back games (Nebraska and Oklahoma State) … Had 2 tackles at Texas … Made 1 stop in the Tigers' shutout of Colorado … Had a pair of tackles against Kansas State.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Redshirted in his first year in the program.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 29 defensive tackle prospect, and also as the No. 57 overall prospect (any position) coming out of the state of Texas in 2007 … Rated as the nation's No. 34 defensive tackle prospect by Rivals.com, which also ranks him as the No. 62 overall prospect (any position) in the talent-rich state of Texas … Earned honorable mention All-State status as a senior in 2006, as well as 1st-Team All-District honors … High school coach – Darren Walker.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of Zul-tan Jackson … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, Colorado and Arizona State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Brian Jones.

## HAMILTON CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo-Ast. | Total | TFL | FF |
| 2007 | 13-0 | 8-10 | 18 | 0.5-1 | 1 |
| Totals | 13-0 | 8-10 | 18 | 0.5-1 | 1 |

# #33
# LEVI HAMILTON

**Tight End**
**5-11 • 210 • Sr.**

**Rolla, Mo.**
**(Rolla HS / Westminster College)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Senior tight end who is undersized for his position but who is a tireless worker and a leader by example for the team which he grew up wanting to play for … Enters the fall listed 5th on the depth chart at tight end, where he hopes to contribute in some fashion for his final season on the gridiron … Is in his 3rd year on the squad, after transferring to Mizzou from nearby Westminster College in 2007.

### :: WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Played on the defensive side of the ball at Westminster College in nearby Fulton, Mo. … Had 26 tackles and one interception in his 2nd year on the squad … Coach – John Welty.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

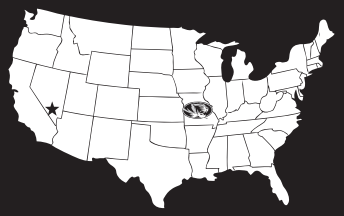
Won honorable mention All-Conference honors playing at Rolla High School … Was a two-year letterwinner in football and basketball … High school coach – Coach Stallcup.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Albert & Margaret Hamilton … Is majoring in business management, a field in which he's already gotten some invaluable experience, as he's owned his own small business for the last 5 years … Has a career goal of making it "big-time" … Lists primary hobbies as those to do with the outdoors, including hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and camping.

# #11
# JARRELL HARRISON

**Strong Safety**
**6-2 • 210 • Jr.**



**Las Vegas, Nev.**
**(Palo Verde HS / City College of San Francisco)**

**AWARDS**

2009 Spring Team
Most Improved Safety

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

One of the top junior college defensive backs in the country, who comes to Mizzou along with City College of San Francisco teammate Joshua Tatum … Was a December 2008 graduate of CCSF and enrolled at Mizzou in January and participated in winter conditioning and spring practice … Played well enough during spring camp to be named the winner of the team's most improved safety award … Had a pair of tackles to close spring ball in the Black & Gold Game, and he enters fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the strong safety position, behind veteran Hardy Ricks … Has 2 years to play 2 at Mizzou.

### :: JUNIOR COLLEGE

Took a medical redshirt in 2007 at CCSF and burst onto the scene in 2008 as he had 118 tackles and 5 interceptions while winning 1st-Team All-Conference honors as a safety … Began his junior college career at Reedley (Calif.) Community College, which he attended for 1 year before transferring to CCSF for the 2007 season … Junior college coach – George Rush.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

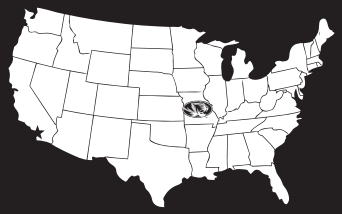
Was a quarterback primarily in high school, and also played defensive back … Named the Southern Nevada offensive player of the year as a senior in 2005, as well as a 1st-Team All-State cornerback, as he had 729 passing yards with 11 touchdowns, to go with 683 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns, while adding 62 tackles and 2 interceptions on defense … Led his team to the Class 4A state championship game, and planned to attend his hometown school of UNLV before going the junior college route … Was a two-sport standout in high school, lettering in both football and basketball … High school coach – Darwin Rost.

### :: PERSONAL

Mother – Lynnette Harrison … Lists hobbies as watching ESPN, anything to do with sports, and PlayStation … Chose Mizzou over North Carolina State, Arizona, Arizona State and UNLV, among others … Listed the family atmosphere and the great educational programs as main reasons for choosing to attend Mizzou … MU primary recruiting coach – Matt Eberflus.

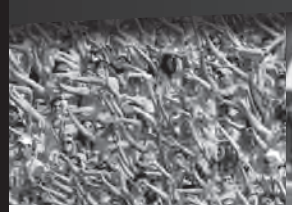
# #36
# JAKE HARRY IV

**Punter**
**6-1 • 195 • Sr.-1L**



**Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.**
**(Torrey Pines HS / Palomar JC)**





## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Returning starting punter who gives the Tigers a dependable leg when needed to play the field position game … Is listed atop the depth chart at the punter spot heading into fall drills, where he's expected to hold down the top spot … Worked to become effective at the increasingly popular rugby-style rollout kick last year, as well as handling the traditional style of punting.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Won the punting job with a steady fall camp, and enjoyed solid and uneventful season, as he averaged 40.7 yards per punt … Due to Mizzou's prolific offensive attack, he only punted 26 times on the year, but he placed 10 of those inside the opponents' 20-yardline, while drawing 5 fair catches … Closed the year as an unsung hero in Mizzou's overtime win against Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl, as he averaged 44.2 yards on 4 punts, placing all 4 inside the Wildcat 20 … Had 3 boots of 50 yards or more on the season.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Did not see action in any games in his first year at Mizzou after transferring from Palomar Junior College.

### :: JUNIOR COLLEGE

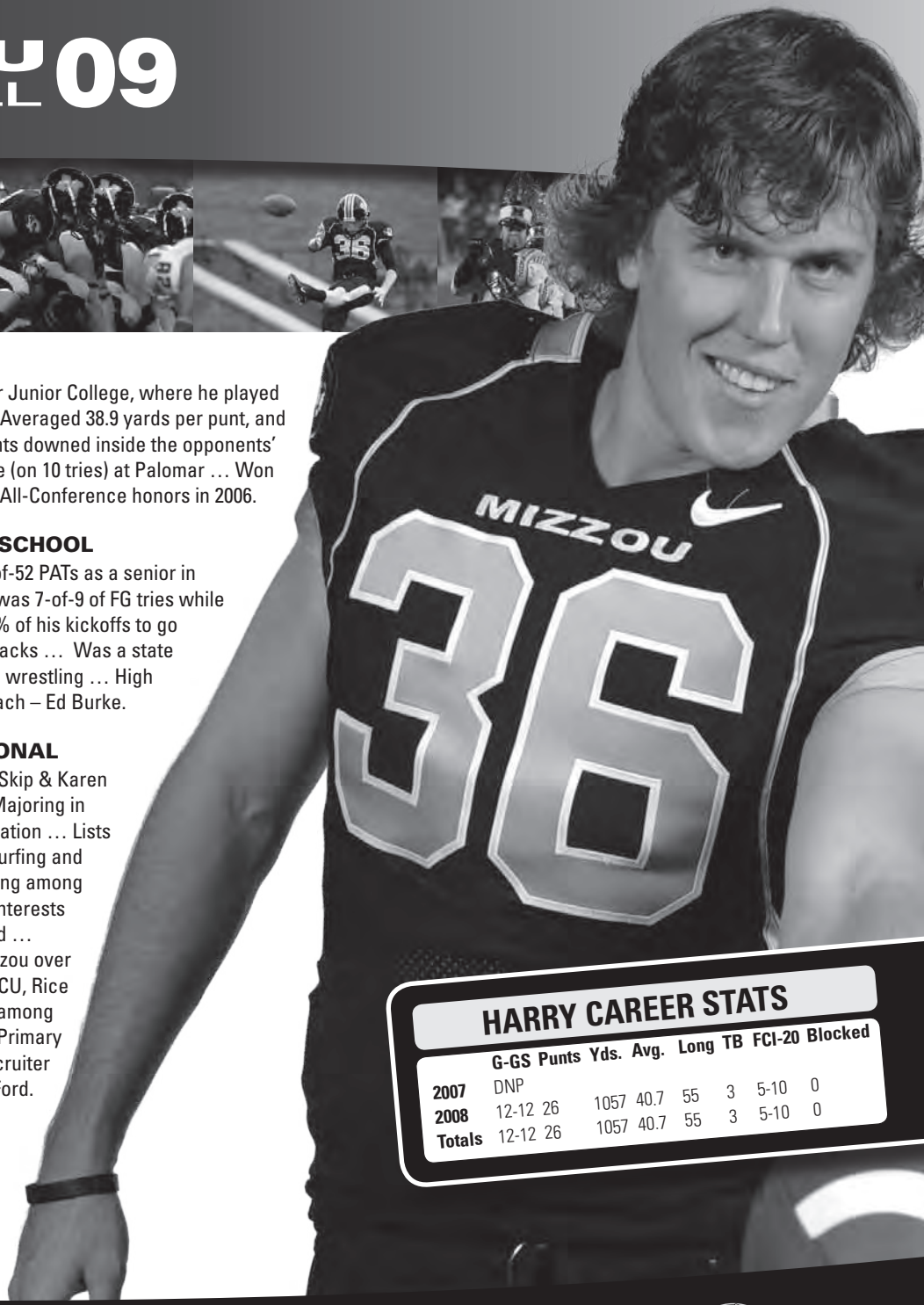
Began his college career at Oregon State, where he redshirted as a true freshman in 2005 … After one season at OSU, transferred to Palomar Junior College, where he played in 2006 … Averaged 38.9 yards per punt, and had 10 punts downed inside the opponents' 20-yardline (on 10 tries) at Palomar … Won 2nd-Team All-Conference honors in 2006.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Made 52-of-52 PATs as a senior in 2004, and was 7-of-9 of FG tries while getting 92% of his kickoffs to go for touchbacks … Was a state qualifier in wrestling … High school coach – Ed Burke.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Skip & Karen Harry … Majoring in communication … Lists bowling, surfing and spear fishing among his many interests off the field … Chose Mizzou over Rutgers, TCU, Rice and Duke among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Cornell Ford.

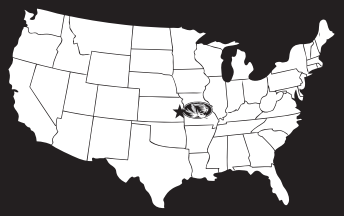



## HARRY CAREER STATS

| | G-GS | Punts | Yds. | Avg. | Long | TB | FCI-20 | Blocked |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2007** | DNP | | | | | | | |
| **2008** | 12-12 | 26 | 1057 | 40.7 | 55 | 3 | 5-10 | 0 |
| **Totals** | 12-12 | 26 | 1057 | 40.7 | 55 | 3 | 5-10 | 0 |

# #31 TREY HOBSON

**Defensive Back**
**5-11 • 190 • So.-1L**



**Stanley, Kan.**
**(Blue Valley HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

An extremely fast and athletic defensive back prospect who will be in a battle this fall to win one of the starting cornerback jobs that opened up due to the graduation of previous starter Castine Bridges … Is one of the better overall athletes on the team, who possesses a vertical jump of more than 40 inches, and is also one of the faster Tigers on the roster … Begins fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart at one of the corner spots … Closed spring ball by making a pair of tackles in the defense's 68-40 win over the offense in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game.

## :: 2008 SEASON

Continued his development with a solid redshirt freshman season that saw him earn more meaningful minutes toward the tail end of the season … Closed with a solid performance in Mizzou's overtime win in the Alamo Bowl, as he made 3 tackles and broke up a pass in the winning effort … Finished the year with 16 total tackles.

## :: 2007 SEASON

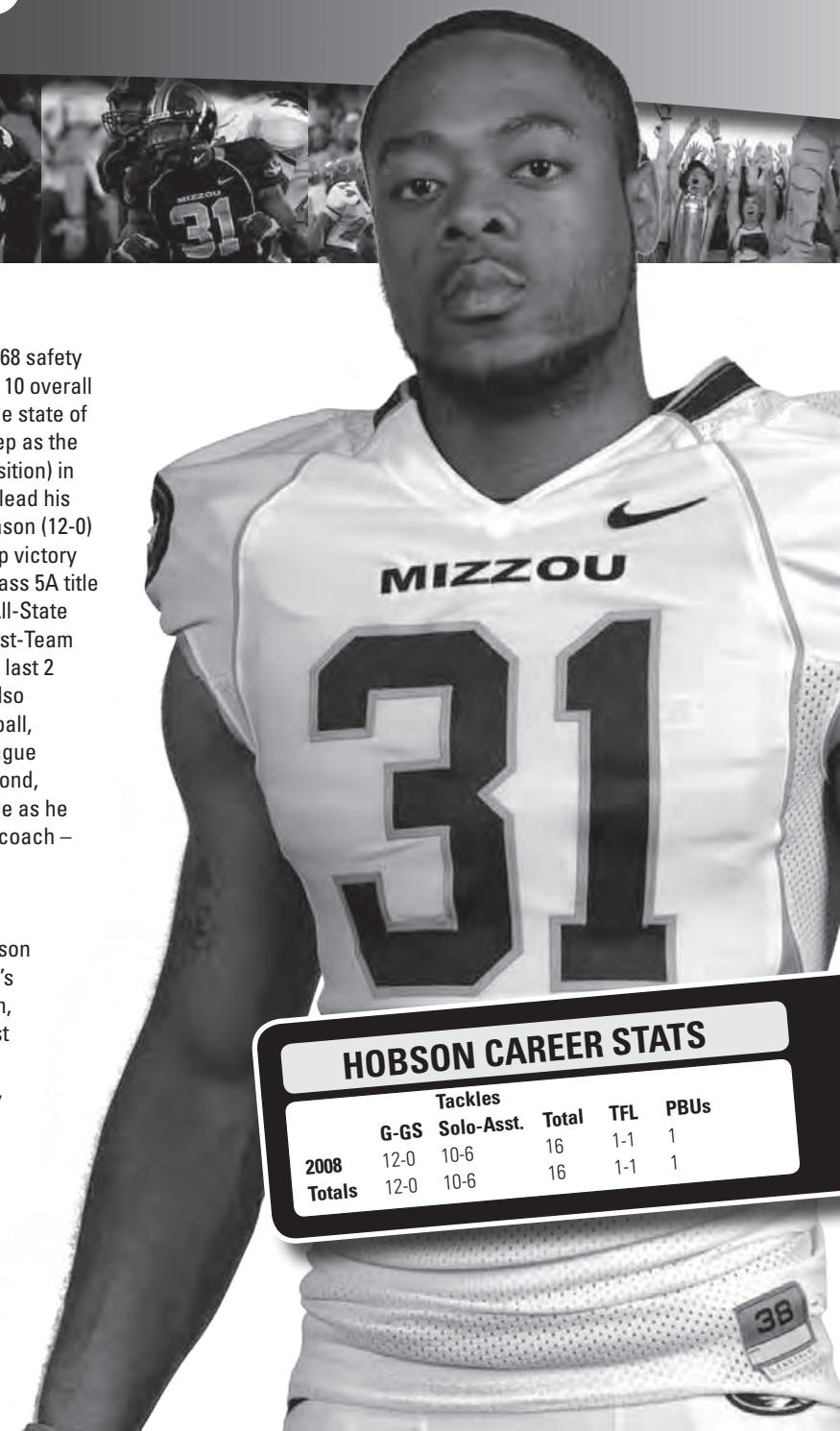
Redshirted in his 1st year in the program, but showed weekly in practice throughout the year that he was someone who might be seeing the field in the near future.

## :: HIGH SCHOOL

Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 68 safety in the nation, as well as the No. 10 overall prospect (all positions) out of the state of Kansas … Ranked by Super Prep as the No. 79 overall prospect (any position) in the Midlands region … Helped lead his team to an undefeated 2006 season (12-0) capped by a state championship victory over Great Bend to claim the Class 5A title … Earned honorable mention All-State honors as a senior, and was a 1st-Team All-Conference pick each of his last 2 years as a defensive back … Also lettered in basketball and baseball, where he won 1st-Team All-League honors at 2nd base on the diamond, and tied a state record in 1 game as he collected 6 hits … High school coach – Steve Rampy.

## :: PERSONAL

Parents – Albert & Delisha Hobson … Has plans to study in Mizzou's acclaimed School of Journalism, with an interest in the broadcast sequence … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Michigan State, Kansas State, Northwestern and Kansas, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

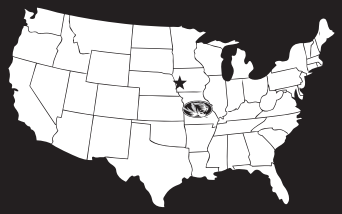



## HOBSON CAREER STATS

| | Tackles | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo-Asst. | Total | TFL | PBUs |
| 2008 | 12-0 | 10-6 | 16 | 1-1 | 1 |
| Totals | 12-0 | 10-6 | 16 | 1-1 | 1 |

# #77 DAN HOCH

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-7 • 315 • So.-1L**



**Harlan, Iowa**
**(Harlan HS)**

**AWARDS**

2009 Spring Team Most Improved Offensive Lineman

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

The largest physical specimen on the Tiger roster is looking to establish himself as a mainstay on the offensive line for a long time to come … Earned playing time in 2008 as a true freshman and is expected to challenge for the starting position at right tackle … Begins fall drills listed No. 1 on the depth chart at that position, where he will look to replace two-year starter Colin Brown … Had a meniscus tear in his right knee cleaned up during the off-season, but that didn't limit him much during spring camp … Was impressive enough during spring ball to take home the team's Most Improved Offensive Lineman award at the spring game.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Was one of the first rookies to see the field … Saw action in all 14 games, getting most of his time as part of the special teams kicking protection unit, but got more and more action on offense as the year progressed.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

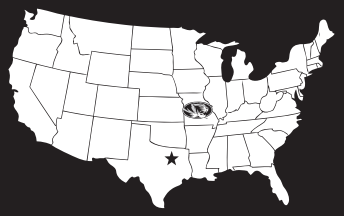
Named the Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year in 2007 for his dominant play on the offensive line … Ranked as the No. 1 prospect at any position in the state of Iowa by Rivals.com and Scout.com, and is also Scout's No. 17 offensive tackle in the nation, while rating as Rivals' No. 18 offensive guard nationwide … Won 1st-Team All-State and 1st-Team All-Conference honors each of his last 2 seasons as an offensive lineman … Helped his school win a 3A state championship on the gridiron as a first-year starter at left tackle in 2005 … Outstanding all-around athlete who is a three-year letterman in football, basketball, baseball and track … Played on basketball team which won the Iowa state 3A championship in 2005 and took 3rd in 2006 … Also placed 5th in the shot put one year in the state championships … High school coach – Curt Bladt.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Kyle & Lori Hoch … Lists fishing, playing video games and paint ball as his hobbies … Listed MU's facilities and educational opportunities as a major drawing point for him, as well as the direction of the football program and the Tigers' explosive offense, as well as his friendship with fellow recruits Andrew Jones and Blaine Gabbert … Is interested in studying in MU's School of Education, with an ultimate goal of working in secondary education … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State and Iowa State, among many others … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

# #15 DEL HOWARD

**Free Safety**
**5-11 • 200 • Sr.-3L**



**Dallas, Texas**
**(South Garland HS)**

## AWARDS

2008 Spring Team
Most Improved Safety

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Hard-hitting and skilled veteran defender who will play free safety for the 3rd straight year after initially coming to Mizzou as a cornerback … Begins the fall listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the free safety spot … Closed a solid spring camp by leading the defense with 6 tackles in the Black & Gold Game.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Turned in a career-high 41 stops in 13 games played … Had a solid spring that saw him earn the team's most improved safety award.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Developed nicely in his 2nd season in the program, registering 32 tackles in 13 games playing safety … Started games against Texas A&M and Kansas as Mizzou opened in a nickel package each game … Changed his jersey to #15 in the spring after wearing #17 a year ago for the Tigers.

### :: 2006 SEASON

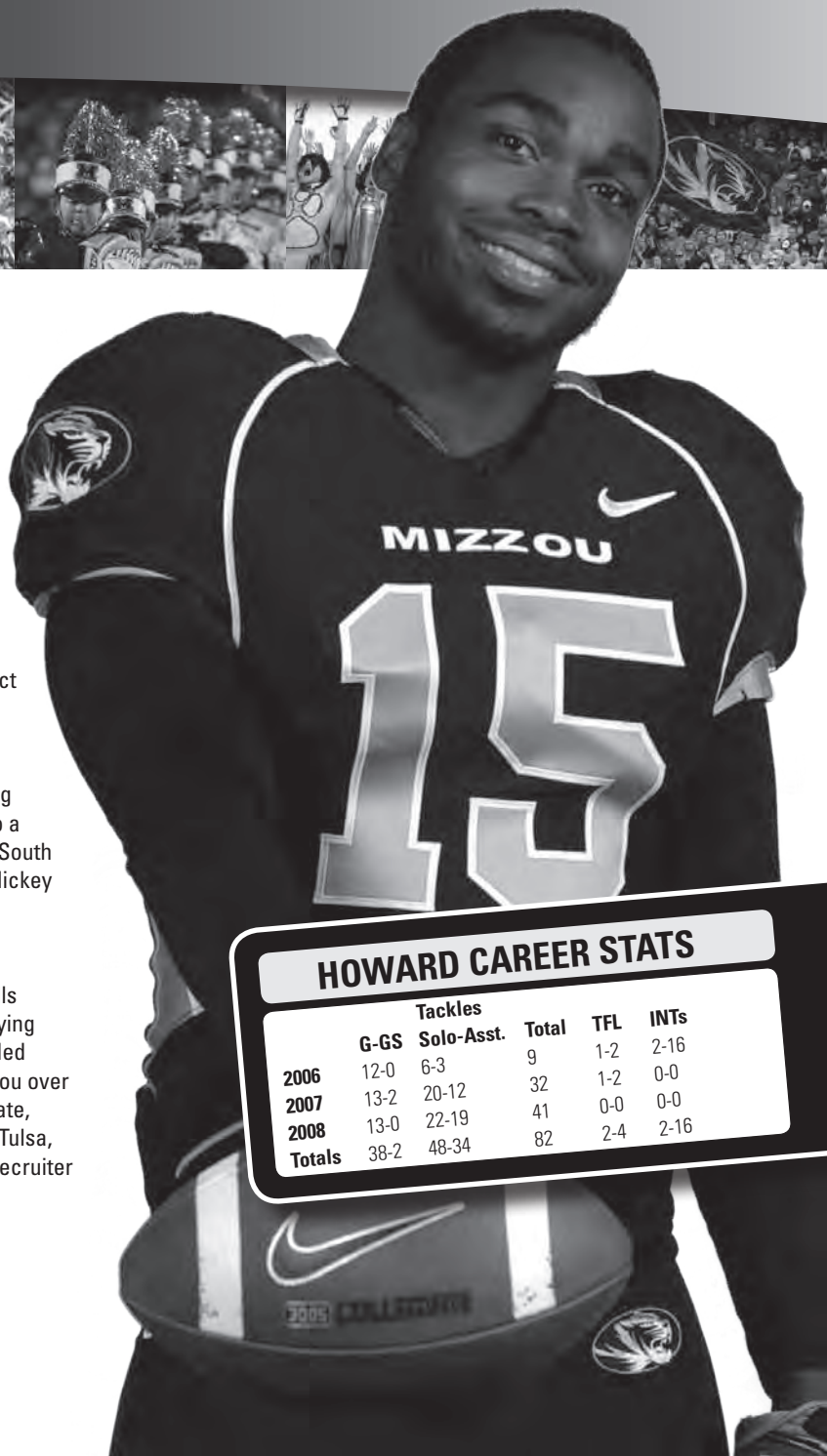
Made solid contributions in his 1st season as a Tiger, as one of 4 true freshmen to earn playing time in 2006 … Was listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at one cornerback position entering the bowl game … Played in 12-of-13 games, and ended with 9 total tackles.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Amassed 143 tackles as a senior, earning 2nd-Team All-State mention, as well as 1st-Team All-District and All-Area honors … Was named the defensive MVP of his district, as he added 3 interceptions, 7 QB sacks, 8 passes broken up, and returned a fumble for a TD on the year … Helped his team reach the 3rd round of the state playoffs in 2005 … Earned 1st-Team All-District honors as a junior in 2004 after registering 88 tackles and forcing 3 fumbles … Named team's rookie of the year as a sophomore, making 56 tackles on the year … Was also a multi-year letterwinner in track at South Garland … High school coach – Mickey Moss.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Delria & Darlene Gunnells Howard … Has an interest in studying business at Mizzou's highly-regarded School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, Minnesota, Arizona State, Georgia Tech, Purdue, Illinois and Tulsa, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.

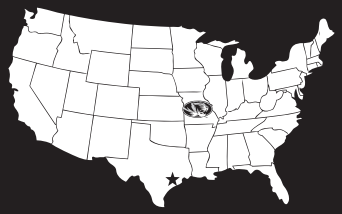



## HOWARD CAREER STATS

| | Tackles | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo-Asst. | Total | TFL | INTs |
| 2006 | 12-0 | 6-3 | 9 | 1-2 | 2-16 |
| 2007 | 13-2 | 20-12 | 32 | 1-2 | 0-0 |
| 2008 | 13-0 | 22-19 | 41 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 38-2 | 48-34 | 82 | 2-4 | 2-16 |

# #29 JERRELL JACKSON

**Wide Receiver**
**6-1 • 190 • So.-1L**



**Houston, Texas**
**(Jefferson Davis HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

A steady, smooth, and deceptively quick receiver who was a nice story in 2008, as he developed quickly enough to play as a true freshman … Begins fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the H-receiver position, behind veteran wideout Danario Alexander … Could also factor into the return game as the Tigers look to replace 1st-round NFL Draft pick Jeremy Maclin … Spent the vast majority of spring camp running with the top-string offense, as Alexander sat out from contact, which gave him valuable experience … Was one of the offense's top performers in the spring game, as he caught 2 passes for 26 yards, and was the leading rusher on the day as well, going for 39 yards on 2 attempts.

### :: 2008 SEASON

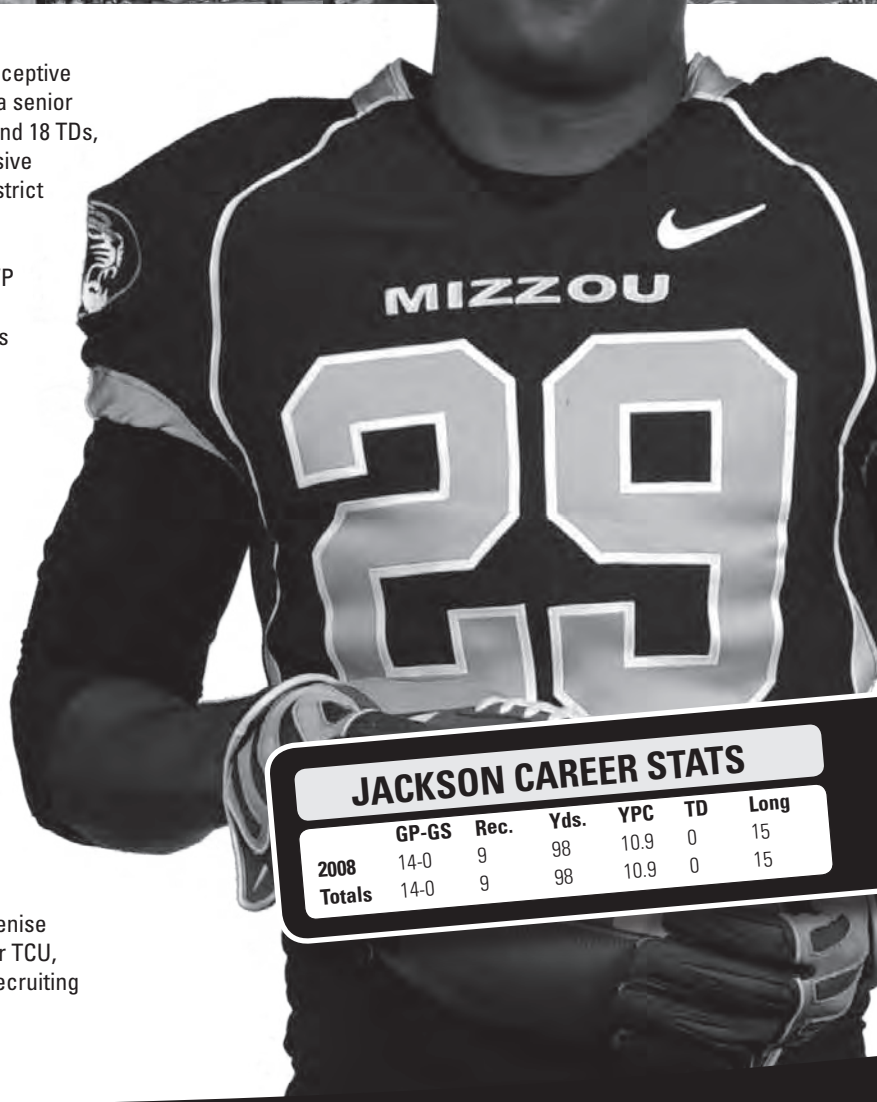
Saw action in all 14 games on the season, finishing with 9 receptions for 98 yards, plus 2 rushes for a net of 10 yards out of the backfield … Finished the year by making a 15-yard reception against Northwestern in the Tigers' overtime win against Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Skilled two-way player out of the Houston area who ESPN.com ranked as the No. 81 wide receiver prospect in the country, calling him a gifted, fluid athlete with long arms, a long stride, and very deceptive speed … Caught 42 passes as a senior wideout in 2007, for 978 yards and 18 TDs, while adding 5 INTs as a defensive back … Was a 1st-Team All-District honoree as a senior, as well as earning 1st-Team All-Greater Houston, and District 20-4A MVP honors … Also was a 1st-Team All-District winner on both sides of the ball as a junior, when he caught 35 passes for 760 yards and 14 TDs, while contributing 6 INTs defensively … Had 21 receptions for 402 yards and 7 TDs as a sophomore, as he earned All-District acclaim on both sides of the ball … Three-sport standout at Davis High school who was a three-time All-District performer in basketball, and a regional qualifier in track 3 years, in addition to his football achievements … High school coach – Chuck Arnold.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Vernon Jackson & Denise Robinson … Chose Mizzou over TCU, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Brian Jones.

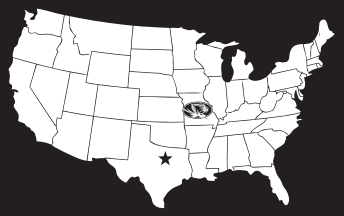



### JACKSON CAREER STATS

| | GP-GS | Rec. | Yds. | YPC | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2008 | 14-0 | 9 | 98 | 10.9 | 0 | 15 |
| Totals | 14-0 | 9 | 98 | 10.9 | 0 | 15 |

# #13 KENJI JACKSON

**Free Safety**
**5-10 • 195 • So.-1L**



**Mansfield, Texas**
**(Mansfield HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Second-year safety who will be competing for a starting job after finishing his true freshman season as a starter at the end of the year … Enters fall camp listed as the starter at the free safety position, where he'll be battling with veteran Del Howard and others for the top spot … Had an impressive spring camp and held off all challengers for the top spot on the depth chart … Closed spring drills by making a pair of tackles in the Black & Gold Spring Game … First name is pronounced KEN-juh.

### :: 2008 SEASON

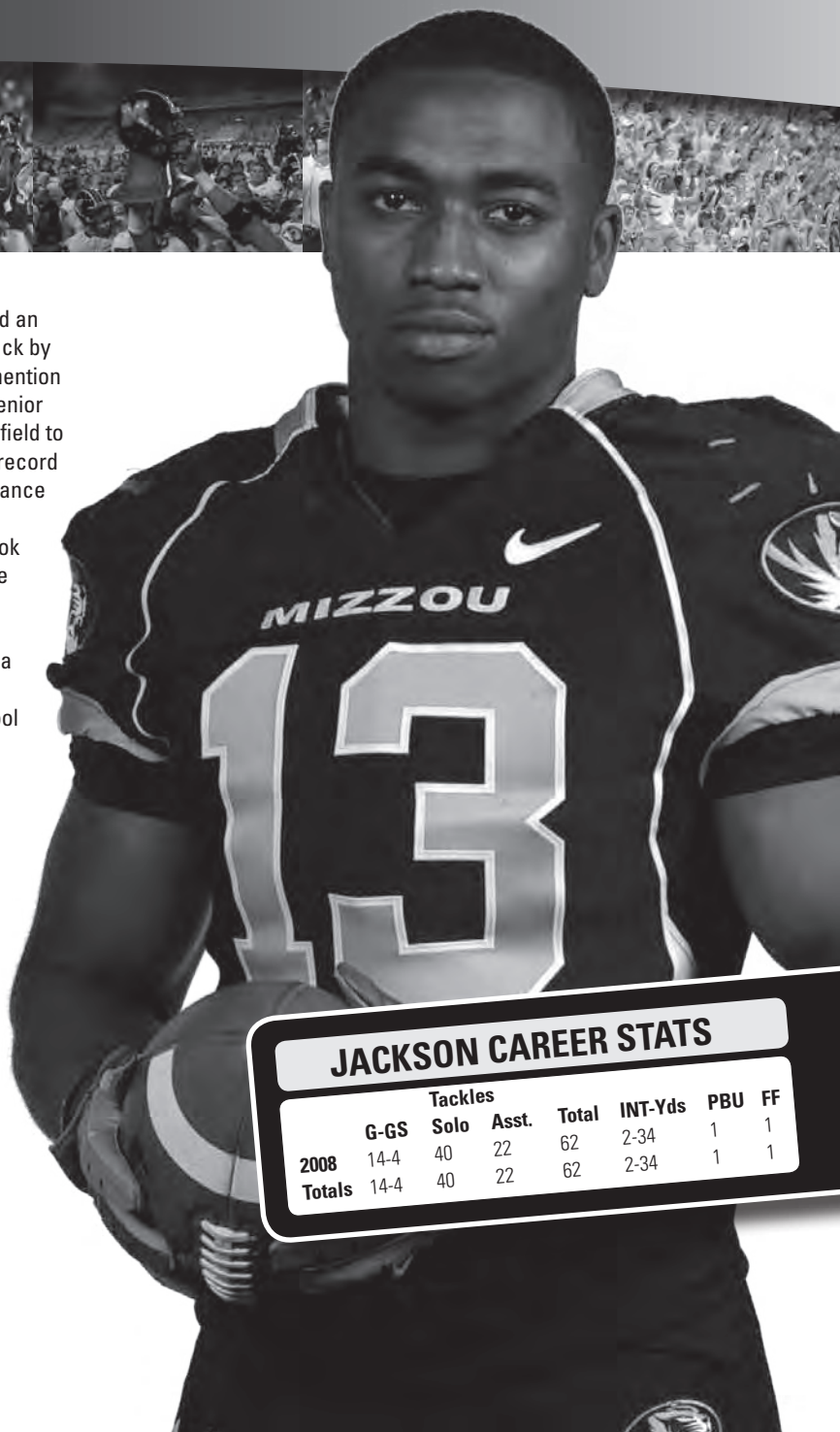
Played in 13 games and ranked 7th on the team with 62 tackles … Started 4 of the last 5 games of the season as his contributions and playing time increased significantly down the stretch … Made 8 tackles, 6 solo, against Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship Game, and closed by making 6 stops in all in the Tigers' thrilling overtime win over Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Highly-coveted safety prospect who ESPN.com called one of the most underrated safeties in the nation, and ranked him as their No. 12 player at that spot in the country … Ranked as the No. 74 player overall out of the state of Texas by Rivals.com … Named an All-Midwest region defensive back by PrepStar … Earned honorable mention All-State honors at safety as a senior in 2007, while helping lead Mansfield to an 8-3 record (the school's best record since 1977) and a playoff appearance … Was a 1st-Team All-Area selection in 2007, as well, and took home district and team defensive MVP honors … Speedster who was a three-year letterwinner in track, as well as football … Has a personal best of 22.4 seconds in the 200 meter dash … High school coach – Kirk Thor.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Dwight & Wanda Jackson … Identified Mizzou's beautiful campus, impressive football facilities and the positive family-like atmosphere of the Tiger football program as major draws … Has an interest in business or nutrition and fitness as his area of study at MU … Chose Mizzou over Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and TCU, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Dave Steckel.

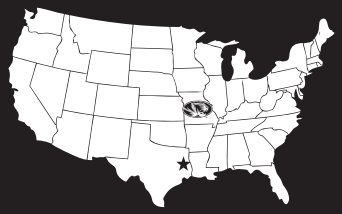



## JACKSON CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo | Asst. | Total | INT-Yds | PBU | FF |
| 2008 | 14-4 | 40 | 22 | 62 | 2-34 | 1 | 1 |
| Totals | 14-4 | 40 | 22 | 62 | 2-34 | 1 | 1 |

# #55 DANIEL JENKINS

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 305 • RS-Fr.**



**Gilmer, Texas**
**(Gilmer HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Highly-touted offensive line prospect who will look to challenge for playing time at right tackle after working there in his first spring practice period at Mizzou … Can likely contribute at a number of spots on the offensive line, but will line up at right tackle, where he is listed 2nd on the depth chart entering fall camp … Is regarded as a natural athlete who possesses a tremendous work ethic to go along with his considerable frame suited for the offensive line … Came from an offensive system in high school that was very similar to Mizzou's spread-style attack.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the program, working hard as a valuable member of the offensive scout team throughout the season.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Offensive line prospect who ranked as the nation's No. 60 guard by ESPN.com, and as the nation's No. 64 guard by Rivals.com … Named an All-Midwest region offensive lineman by PrepStar … Three-year starter on the offensive line for Gilmer High School in East Texas … Won 1st-Team All-District and All-East Texas honors as a senior in 2007, while helping lead his team to a 14-1 final record, and a state runner-up showing … Had 94 pancake blocks in 2007, as he earned 2nd-Team All-State honors … High school coach – Jeff Traylor.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Bobby & Kim Jenkins … Is interested in studying in MU's School of Agriculture, in the area of agriculture nutrition … Lists camping, fishing, hunting and country music concerts as his hobbies away from football … Mentioned the prolific Tiger offense as a major reason for his decision to attend Mizzou, as well as the MU coaches and players, and how they carry themselves … MU primary recruiting coach – Matt Eberflus.

# #87 ANDREW JONES

**Tight End**
**6-5 • 245 • So.-1L**

**Smithville, Mo.**
**(Smithville HS)**

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Has the challenging task of following in the footsteps of consecutive consensus 1st-Team All-American tight ends in Martin Rucker (2007) and Chase Coffman (2008) … Is the favorite to take over the starting role, and he played well in the spring with those expectations … Is listed atop the depth chart at the tight end position entering fall camp.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Highly-touted true freshman who burned his redshirt right away and made significant contributions at tight end … Saw action in all 14 games, and ended with 20 receptions for 146 yards on the season … Proved crucial in Mizzou's North Division clinching win at Iowa State, as he caught a career-high 7 passes for 61 yards on the night … Caught at least 1 pass in 11-of-14 games, and caught 2 passes each against Kansas State, Buffalo and Southeast Missouri State.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the No. 2 player overall in the state of Missouri by both Scout.com and Rivals.com, while Scout put him as the nation's No. 9 tight end prospect, and Rivals.com had him as the nation's No. 14 tight end prospect … Was invited to play in the prestigious Army All-American Bowl in 2008 … 1st-Team All-State tight end selection in his last 2 seasons, who also earned 1st-Team All-District honors as a defensive end in 2007 … An outstanding all-around athlete who starred in football, basketball and baseball at Smithville … Was a 1st-Team All-State selection in basketball in both 2006 and 2007, while earning 1st-Team All-District honors as a first baseman and 1st-Team All-Conference honors as a pitcher in 2007 … High school coach – Greg Smith.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Carl & Betty Jones … Is interested in studying in MU's renowned College of Business, with an ultimate interest in the field of business management … Lists his primary reasons for choosing Mizzou as wanting to play for the home state team as well as continuing the tradition of great tight ends, and that he feels at home in Columbia … Had more than 30 scholarship offers, and could have gone to virtually any school in the country, but he chose Mizzou over such programs as Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin, Clemson, Colorado, Kansas State and Vanderbilt, among many others … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

## JONES CAREER STATS

| | GP-GS | Rec. | Yds. | AVG. | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2008 | 14-1 | 20 | 146 | 7.3 | 15 |

# #8 WES KEMP

**Wide Receiver**
**6-4 • 225 • So.-1L**

**St. Louis, Mo.**
**(DeSmet HS)**

**AWARDS**

2009 Team Spring
Most Improved Wide Receiver

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Second-year sophomore who is an impressive athlete and is in line to challenge for a potential starting spot in the Mizzou offense … Enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at the Z-receiver position, after playing the X-receiver spot primarily a year ago … Was impressive enough during the spring to earn the team's most improved wide receiver award … Caught 3 passes for 32 yards in the spring game to close camp.

### :: 2008 SEASON

True freshman who impressed enough during fall camp to earn playing time right away … Ended up seeing action in 9 games in all, and played more frequently during the last half of the season, including seeing increased action on various special teams units.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the No. 3 overall player (any position) in the state of Missouri, as well as the nation's No. 33 wide receiver by Scout … Rivals.com's rankings included him as the No. 6 overall player (any position) in the state of Missouri, as well as the nation's No. 49 receiver … A three-time 1st-Team All-State selection at the wide receiver position … Helped lead his team to the Class 6 state quarterfinals in 2007 as a senior … Excellent all-around athlete who starred in football and basketball, while also participating in track … High school coach – Pat Mahoney.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Randy & Doris Kemp … Father is a 1975 graduate of Mizzou, as is his older brother Chris (2004 graduate), while his sister Jennifer is currently a junior at MU … Listed MU's major draws as its closeness to his home, the great Tiger coaching staff and Mizzou's explosive offense … Wants to pursue a degree from Mizzou's School of Business, with an interest in studying marketing and real estate … Chose Mizzou over many prominent football programs, including Wisconsin, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan State, Minnesota and Ole Miss, among numerous others … MU primary recruiting coach – Cornell Ford.

# #74
# KIRK LAKEBRINK

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-6 • 320 • Jr.-Sq.**

**Liberty, Mo.**
**(Liberty HS / Drake)**

## MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Offensive line prospect who will be in his 2nd season with the Tigers after transferring from Drake University, where he was on the football squad for 2 seasons … Begins fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart at right tackle.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Enrolled at Mizzou in January of 2008 and took part in spring practice … Worked primarily at left tackle during the season, but showed an ability to contribute at several spots on the line, as he worked for the offensive scout team.

### :: DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Attended Drake University out of high school, and spent 2 years on the football squad, redshirting his first season in 2006 … Saw action as a redshirt freshman in 3 games during the 2007 season … Played both guard and tackle during his time at Drake.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was an All-Conference performer on the offensive line for Liberty High School in the Kansas City area, winning those honors in 2005 … His team claimed district and conference championships in 2005, as well … Was a three-year letterwinner at Liberty, playing solely on the offensive line … High school coach – Pat Hansen.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Thomas & Cathy Lakebrink … Transferred to Mizzou in order to study in its top-ranked School of Journalism, with an intent to study strategic communications … Has long-term career aspirations of designing creative concepts for advertising campaigns … Lists hobbies outside of football as primarily focused around family and friends.

# #33 LUKE LAMBERT

**Linebacker**
**6-3 • 225 • Jr.-2L**

**Brookfield, Mo.**
**(Brookfield HS)**

## AWARDS

2008 Team Special Teams Co-Player of the Year

2007 Team Special Teams Player of the Year

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Underrated linebacker talent who quietly goes about his business of making plays for the Tiger defense … Enters the fall listed on top of the depth chart at middle linebacker … Spent the majority of the 2008 season lined up at the strongside position, as veteran Brock Christopher had the middle taken care of … Started 9 games at the strongside spot, making him one of four returning starters from 2008 … Closed spring camp by making 3 tackles in the Black & Gold Game.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Made 9 starts at strongside linebacker and registered a career-high 58 tackles in 14 games … Was a key performer on special teams, where he ranked among team leaders with his 12 tackles on kickoff coverage duties … Was named special teams co-player of the year for his efforts (shared it with PK Jeff Wolfert).

### :: 2007 SEASON

Was tabbed to play from early on ... Closed the season with a huge performance in the Tigers' Cotton Bowl win over Arkansas, as he got the surprise start at strongside linebacker for Van Alexander, who had an equipment malfunction at the start of the game … Responded with a career-best 10 tackles against the Razorbacks, and also forced a fumble in MU's 38-7 win … Was honored with special teams player of the year for his standout efforts.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as the No. 9 player in the state of Missouri (all positions) by Rivals.com and as the nation's No. 40 outside linebacker ... Ranked by Super Prep as the No. 11 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri and as the nation's No. 22-ranked prospect at the position of weakside linebacker ... Starred at linebacker for Brookfield, and was also a standout as a running back and tight end throughout his career ... As a senior in 2006, was named All-State as a linebacker after amassing 165 tackles, recovering 2 fumbles and grabbing 2 INTs (returning 1 for a TD) ... High school coach - Shane Cavanah.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents - Steve & Diane Lambert ... Is interested in studying nutritional sciences or sports medicine at Mizzou ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

## LAMBERT CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo-Ast. | Total | TFL | Sacks | FF |
| 2007 | 14-1 | 19-13 | 32 | 1-10 | 1-10 | 1 |
| 2008 | 14-9 | 30-28 | 58 | 3.5-7 | 1-2 | 1 |
| Totals | 28-10 | 49-41 | 90 | 4.5-17 | 2-12 | 2 |

# #14 OWEN LENANDER

**Quarterback**
**6-3 • 210 • RS-Fr.**

**St. Joseph, Mo.**
**(Central HS)**

## MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Outstanding all-around athlete who starred in many sports for St. Joseph Central High School, who is on the depth chart for his homestate Tigers as a walk-on quarterback … Participated in spring drills and will begin the fall listed 5th on the depth chart.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Walked on to the team and was part of the squad, working on the offensive scout team throughout the year in practice.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a star athlete at St. Joseph Central High School, earning All-State recognition in football, as well as All-Conference honors in baseball and basketball, while also lettering in golf one season … On the gridiron, was an All-State selection in 2007, throwing for 2,450 yards and 21 touchdowns, on 175-of-266 passing … Was his team's MVP while serving as team captain as a senior, and also won numerous All-City, All-Conference and All-District honors … Took home All-City and All-Conference honors in football as a junior … Won All-Conference and All-District honors in baseball twice, while helping his team to a conference title in 2008 on the diamond … Was an All-Conference performer in basketball, as well … High school coach – Tony Dudik.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Roger & Randi Lenander … Currently majoring in business at Mizzou, and has an interest in eventually pursuing a business law degree … Has a career goal of becoming a lawyer and eventually getting into politics … Lists being a Senator as something he aspires to … Lists hobbies as fishing, swimming and golfing … States that he can imitate almost anyone's voice.

# #93 ANDY LOYD

**Tight End**
**6-4 • 240 • Jr.-Sq.**

**Branson, Mo.**
**(Branson HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Talented walk-on athlete who will be in his 4th year on the Tiger squad, including his 3rd as a tight end … Begins fall drills listed on the depth chart at the tight end spot, where there is a lot of competition jockeying for playing time following the graduation of 2008 All-American Chase Coffman.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Worked hard as part of the offensive scout team … Caught 1 pass for 9 yards to close out spring drills in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Spent his 2nd year in the program at the tight end position, switching there prior to the start of fall camp.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Played on the defensive line as part of the scout team in 2006 in his 1st year at Mizzou, and made a good impression with his athleticism and work ethic.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Two-time All-Conference and All-District performer for Branson High School, at defensive end as a junior and at linebacker as a senior … Was a three-year starter on the varsity for coach Steve Hancock … Was rated as the nation's No. 40 tight end prospect by ESPN.com coming out of high school … Also lettered in track and was a state qualifier in both the 4x200-meter relay as well as the discus

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Phil & Patty Loyd … Plans to major in hotel and restaurant management at Mizzou, with a goal of owning his own business … Chose to attend MU over other schools such as Arkansas, Auburn and Georgia Tech.

# #57 BRAD MADISON

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 260 • RS-Fr.**

**Bethany, Mo.**
**(South Harrison HS)**

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Athletic big man who moves over to the defensive side of the ball after spending his 1st year in the program working on the offensive line … Coaches felt his size was more suited to becoming a defensive lineman, and after the spring camp he turned in, they made the right call, as he was very impressive … Began the spring at the bottom of the depth chart, but quickly moved his way up the ladder, and he begins fall drills listed at No. 2 behind veteran Brian Coulter.

## :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the program, working as part of the offensive scout team.

## :: HIGH SCHOOL

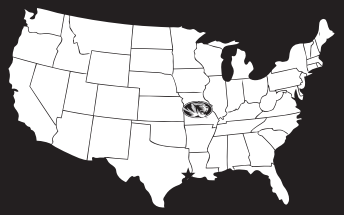
Talented line prospect with a big upside who grew up a Missouri fan … Despite missing about half of his senior season due to an injured foot, still ranked as the No. 12 player overall (any position) in the state of Missouri, as well as the nation's No. 54 offensive guard, according to Rivals.com … ESPN.com pegged him as the nation's No. 45 offensive guard prospect … Named an All-Midwest region offensive lineman by PrepStar … An All-State performer on the offensive line in 2007 who also earned All-Conference honors on the defensive line as a senior … A two-year team captain … Outstanding all-around athlete who was a multi-year letterwinner in football, basketball and track … Won a state championship in the shot put, and was 2nd in the state championships in the discus … Also won All-State honors in basketball … High school coach – Larry Linthacum, a former MU tight end.

## :: PERSONAL

Parents – Leo & Sharol Madison … Is the younger brother of Ryan Madison, who graduated in 2008 after a stellar career as an offensive lineman for the Tigers … Lists primary hobbies outside of football as hunting and golfing … Among the reasons cited for choosing Mizzou include the chance to play with his brother, the Tiger coaches and the great facilities … Received interest from Wisconsin, Nebraska and Kansas State, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

# #18 MARCUS MALBROUGH

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-5 • 245 • RS-Fr.**



**Beaumont, Texas**
**(Westbrook HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Speedy defensive end prospect who has good natural reaction and instincts for his position … Enters fall drills listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at one defensive end position, and with both starters from 2008 having graduated, he'll have a big opportunity to earn playing time with a strong camp … Changed his jersey to #18 prior to spring ball, after wearing #97 during his 1st year in the Mizzou program … Closed the spring season by making 3 tackles in the Black & Gold Spring Game, which was won by the defense, 68-40.

### :: 2008 SEASON

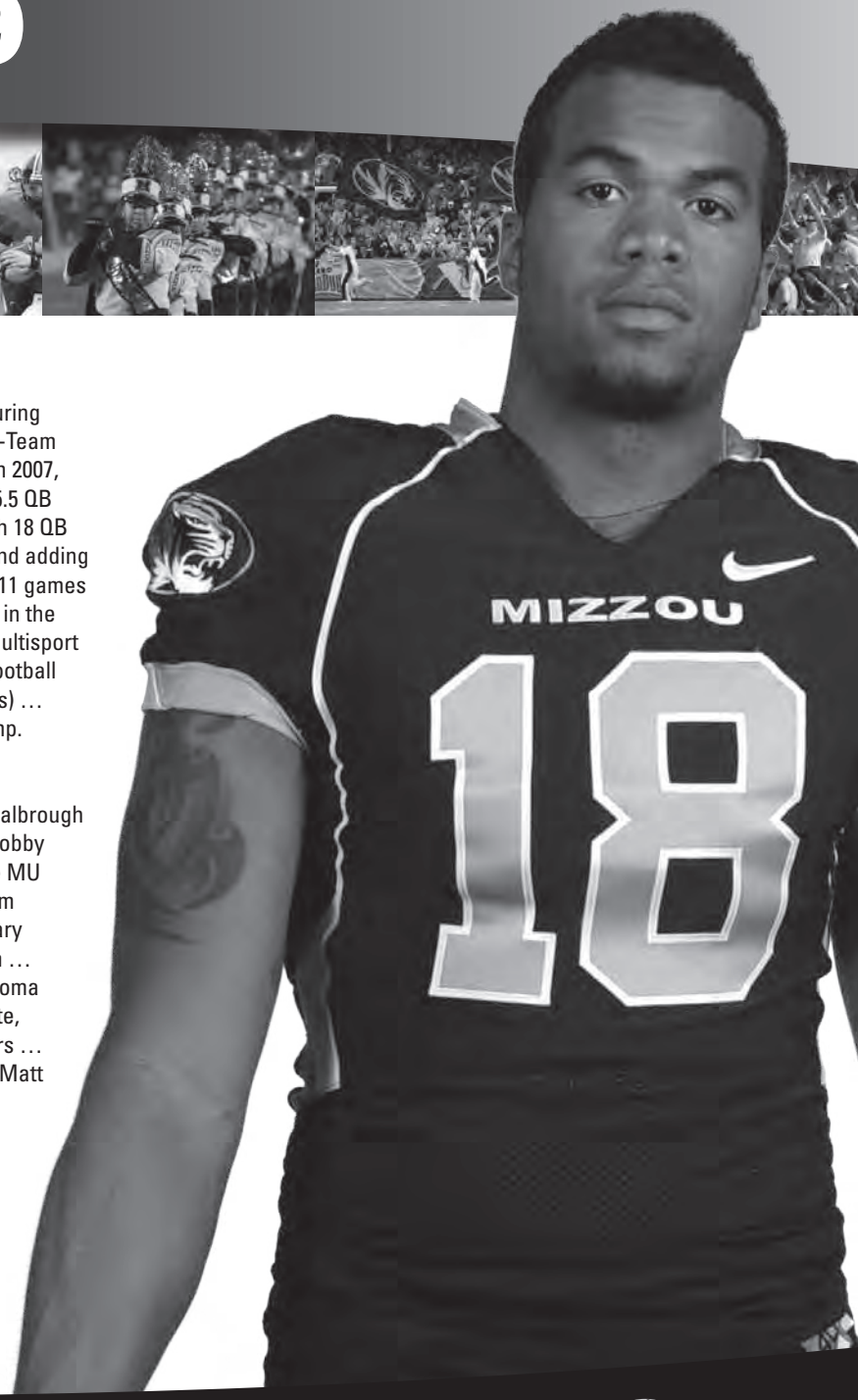
Redshirted in his 1st season in the Tiger program, spending time learning the system and working as part of the defensive scout team … Won the team's defensive Back-Up Player of the Week for his efforts in practice prior to the season-opening game against Illinois.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Recruiting interest picked up during a big senior season … Won 1st-Team All-District honors as a senior in 2007, as he recorded 47 tackles and 5.5 QB sacks, while being credited with 18 QB pressures, 6 pass deflections and adding 1 forced fumble and 1 safety in 11 games played … Was selected to play in the Bayou Bowl all-star game … Multisport letterwinner for Beaumont, in football (2 years) and basketball (3 years) … High school coach – Craig Stump.

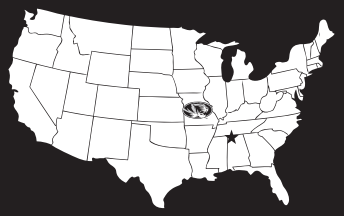
### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Joseph & Berlinda Malbrough … Lists fishing as his primary hobby outside of athletics … Cited the MU coaches and how they made him feel at home as one of his primary attractions to the Tiger program … Chose Mizzou over Iowa, Oklahoma State, Houston, Mississippi State, Baylor and Tulane, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Matt Eberflus.



# #92 ANDY MAPLES

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 305 • Sr.-Sq.**



**Lester, Ala.**
**(West Limestone HS / College of the Sequoias)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Highly-touted junior college defensive lineman who is healthy and looking to challenge for significant playing time after a tough year in 2008 dealing with injuries that limited him to 2 games … Has the size and athleticism to contribute at the tackle spot, where he begins camp listed 4th on the depth chart.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Had a frustrating season, as he was hoping to contribute to the depth of a veteran defensive line, only to be hampered by foot injuries that limited him to only 2 games of action … Saw action against Nevada and Oklahoma State … Had some impressive moments during spring drills, and he ended the spring practice period by making a pair of tackles in the Black & Gold Spring Game.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the Tiger program.

### :: JUNIOR COLLEGE

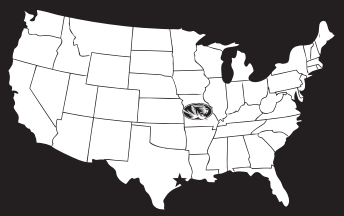
One of the most highly-coveted junior college players in the nation who was ranked by Rivals.com as the nation's No. 15 junior college prospect at any position … Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 3 JUCO defensive tackle prospect, and as the nation's No. 22 overall JUCO prospect (any position) for the 2007 class … Graduated from the College of the Sequoias midyear, and enrolled in 2007 winter semester classes at Mizzou, and participated in 2007 spring drills … Came to MU with 3 years to play 2 … High school coach – Josh Lowe.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Joe & Angela Maples … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Texas Tech, Louisville, Mississippi and Washington State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski.

# #3 GAHN McGAFFIE

**Wide Receiver**
**5-10 • 185 • RS-Fr.**



**Galena Park, Texas**
**(Galena Park HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Versatile athlete who projected at a number of positions at the college level, after starring as a quarterback and wide receiver at Galena Park High School … Is trying his wares as a wide receiver in Mizzou's wide-open spread attack … Begins fall camp listed at No. 3 on the depth chart at the Z-receiver position … Was having a solid spring camp before being sidelined with an ankle sprain late in camp that kept him out of the spring game … Will be fully recovered by the summer.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Ended up taking a redshirt in his initial season in the Tiger program … Was very impressive during fall camp – impressive enough that coaches seriously considered playing him as a true freshman … A minor injury suffered late in two-a-days set him back, however, and with MU's deep receiving corps, the decision was made to save the redshirt … Stood out quite often throughout the season in practice, working as part of the offensive scout team … Was a three-time winner of the offensive Back-Up Player of the Week for his efforts in practice against Texas, Baylor and Iowa State – he was the only Tiger to win the award 3 times.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the No. 25 all-purpose back in the country, as well as the state of Texas' No. 79 overall prospect (any position) by Rivals.com … ESPN.com rated him as the nation's No. 26 prospect … Named an All-Midlands region running back selection by PrepStar … Won District MVP and All-Region honors as a senior, while being named to the Houston Chronicle Top-100 list … Turned in an amazing senior season that included 1,208 yards and 13 TDs rushing, while also throwing for nearly 600 yards and 3 more TDs … Won Academic Top-25 honors in 2007 … Also starred on the hardcourt, as he was a 1st-Team All-District performer … High school coach – Ray Zepada.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Charles & Brenda McGaffie … First name is prounced like "John" … Listed the overall comfort level given to him by Mizzou's coaches and players as one of the deciding factors in choosing to attend MU … Chose Mizzou over Boston College, Georgia Tech, Nebraska, Kansas State, Houston and Baylor, among many others … MU primary recruiting coach – Craig Kuligowski.

# #91 TANNER MILLS

**Placekicker**
**6-2 • 200 • Sr.-Sq.**

**Columbia, Mo.**
**(Rock Bridge HS / Columbia College)**

## AWARDS

2009 Spring Team Most Improved Special Forces Player

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Strong-legged local Columbia product who will have a chance to compete for the starting kicking duties in 2009, following the graduation of former standout Jeff Wolfert, who ended his career having broken the NCAA record for best career accuracy … Begins fall drills atop the depth chart at the placekicker position, and will likely also factor into plans for kickoff duties, thanks to his strong right leg … Competed in the spring as the likely favorite, and performed well with the pressure, making a majority of his kicks in scrimmage situations, including a pair of kicks in the spring game, from 36 and 37 yards.

## :: 2008 SEASON

Saw his first Division I gridiron action, as he got on the field in 3 games … Handled kickoff duties once each in games against Southeast Missouri State, Nevada and Colorado, averaging 67.7 yards per kickoff.

## :: 2007 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on after spending his 2 previous collegiate years lettering in soccer at nearby NAIA Columbia College … Once won national player of the week honors at Columbia College for his play on the pitch.

## :: HIGH SCHOOL

Outstanding all-around athlete who was an All-State player in both football (as a punter) and soccer, while also lettering in golf one season … Averaged 40.1 yards per punt as a senior for Rock Bridge, and was named an All-State selection by the Coaches … Was also a star goalie for Coach David Graham's soccer teams … High school coach – A.J. Ofodile, a former Tiger standout tight end.

## :: PERSONAL

Parents – Gary & Tina Mills … Is majoring in business administration, with an emphasis in management … MU's nationally-recognized School of Business, combined with the Tiger football coaching staff, were the reasons for his transferring to Mizzou … Lists riding four-wheelers and traveling as his hobbies outside of football.

# #26 DE'VION MOORE

**Tailback**
**5-9 • 200 • So.-1L**

**St. Louis, Mo.**
**(Hazelwood Central HS)**

**AWARDS**
2009 Spring Team
Most Improved Offensive Back

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Exciting tailback prospect who enters fall practice at No. 2 on the depth chart behind incumbent starter Derrick Washington, but should play a big factor in the Tiger rushing attack in 2009 … Was impressive enough to win the team's Most Improved Offensive Back Award (sharing it with QB Blaine Gabbert) … A St. Louis, Mo. native who sold concessions at Busch Stadium for St. Louis Cardinals baseball games during his high school days … First name is pronounced "DEV-in."

### :: 2008 SEASON

Made the most of his opportunities, as he ran for 231 yards and 1 touchdown in 41 attempts that came spread out over 13 appearances … Averaged a solid 5.6 yards per carry, which was just behind starter Derrick Washington's 5.9 average … Showed an explosive burst to break off some big chunks of yardage, as evidenced by his 55-yard touchdown gallop against Colorado that put the cap on Mizzou's 58-0 whitewashing … Finished that game with 64 yards on 4 carries, with his score representing his 1st collegiate touchdown.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Redshirted in his first 1st in the program, but was very impressive throughout the season in practice.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 18 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri … Totaled nearly 2,000 yards from scrimmage in 2006, including 1,640 on the ground on 216 carries (a healthy 7.6 yards per carry average), and had 341 receiving yards and 20 total TDs on the year … Topped the 200-yard rushing mark in 3 games as a senior … Earned 1st-Team All-State acclaim as a senior, as well as All-Conference and other honors … Was a 2-year qualifier for the state championships in track and field, as well … High school coach – John Pukalua.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of Deicha Wilson … Lists an interest in studying sports medicine while at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Michigan and Iowa, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter –Cornell Ford.

**MOORE CAREER STATS**

| | G-GS | Rush-Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2008 | 13-0 | 41-231 | 5.6 | 1 | 55 |
| Totals | 13-0 | 41-231 | 5.6 | 1 | 55 |

# #34 JOHN MOORE

**Safety**
**6-3 • 230 • RS-Fr.**

**O'Fallon, Mo.**
**(O'Fallon Township HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Athletic walk-on safety prospect who participated in his first set of spring drills earlier this year, and who hopes to work his way up the depth chart in the fall.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

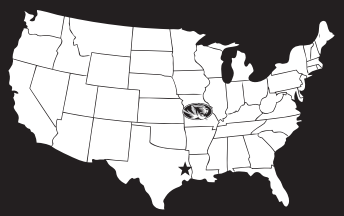
Was a two-sport letterwinner for O'Fallon Township High School, competing in football as well as track and field for multiple years … Won 3rd-Team All-Conference mention at center during his senior season … High school coach – Todd Moeller.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – John & Lisa Moore … Plans to major in psychology at Mizzou, with an intent to study psychology/pre-pharmacy … Lists hobbies outside of football as listening to music, video games and reading … Is one of six children in his family.

# #10 GILBERT MOYE

**Tailback**
**6-2 • 215 • So.-1L**



**Jasper, Texas**
**(Diboll HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Very athletic player who has made the switch to offense, where he'll try his hand at tailback, after spending his first 2 years in the program at safety … Opens fall camp listed 4th on the depth chart at the position … Had some impressive moments during his first spring at tailback, before he was sidelined with a hamstring injury midway through camp that limited him the rest of the way … Carried 4 times in the spring game for 19 yards.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Spent his redshirt freshman season primarily as a reserve at the free safety position, and got some playing experience on Tiger special teams units … Played in 11 games overall, seeing most of his playing time on kickoff return units … Won Back-Up Player of the Week for his efforts in practice leading up to the Baylor game.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Was impressive in his first year in the program, enough so that Tiger coaches had him ready to play as a true freshman at the beginning of the year … After not using him initially, coaches were able to protect his redshirt as the depth got settled with other veterans during the year.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

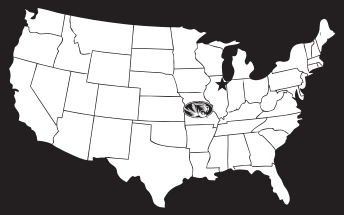
Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 30 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Texas, and also as the nation's No. 30 athletic prospect … Ranked by Super Prep as the nation's No. 25-ranked athlete prospect, and as the No. 38 overall prospect (any position) coming out of the state of Texas in 2007 … Won All-State and District MVP honors as a senior in 2006, and was named by Max Emfinger as an All-American for his play … Transferred to Diboll prior to the 2005 season from his hometown of Jasper, Texas, when his family's home in Jasper was destroyed by Hurricane Rita … Transfer rules forced him to sit out the 2005 season.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Gilbert & Palace Moye … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas A&M, Colorado, TCU, Houston and Iowa State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

# #17
# MARVIN NORMAN

**Tight End**
**6-2 • 235 • So.-Sq.**



**Steger, Ill.**
**(East HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Walk-on tight end prospect from neighboring state of Illinois who will be in his 3rd year in the Tiger program … Is a hard worker who will look to make whatever contributions he can to help the team … Begins fall camp listed as a reserve on the depth chart at the tight end spot.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Continued his solid contributions to the team as part of the offensive scout team.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Enrolled at Mizzou as part of the freshman class of 2007, and joined the Tiger football team as a walk-on member of the squad … Worked hard throughout the season as part of the offensive scout team, playing primarily at the tight end position.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-year letterwinner for East High School, where he won All-Conference honors as a senior linebacker … Also played tight end for the team, and served as team captain during his senior season … Team reached state playoffs during his sophomore and junior seasons … High school coach – Barry Reade.

### :: PERSONAL

Mother – Michelle Drumgole … Interested in studying political science at Mizzou, with an eventual goal of becoming a lawyer … Lists general hobbies outside of football as having anything to do with sports.

# #71 JAYSON PALMGREN

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-2 • 305 • So.-1L**

**Kansas City, Mo.**
**(North Kansas City HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Highly-touted in-state offensive lineman who looks ready to battle for an open starting position at the left guard position, where he opens fall drills listed 2nd on the depth chart … Spent the last year as the primary backup to three-year starter Ryan Madison at left guard.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Continued to develop nicely as part of a talented group of young linemen coming up in the program, and saw action in 10 games on the season as a redshirt freshman … Spent most of the season 2nd on the depth chart at the left guard spot, behind returning starter Ryan Madison … Changed his jersey to #71 in the spring after wearing #55 the previous season.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the Tiger program, working mostly at left guard on the practice squad.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

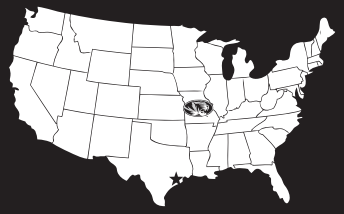
Physical offensive lineman who helped pave the way for explosive offenses at North Kansas City High School … Rated by Rivals.com and Super Prep as the No. 8 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri, and also as the nation's No. 21 offensive guard prospect … Selected to play in the inaugural All-American Offense-Defense Bowl played in January in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. … Was an All-State selection in each of his final 2 seasons … Also lettered 4 years in wrestling (qualifying for state as a junior) and 2 years in track and field … High school coach – Chad Valadez.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Mark Whitaker & Jeanne Smith … Intends to earn a degree in the education field while at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas State and Kansas, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

# #4 JARED PERRY

**Wide Receiver**
**6-1 • 180 • Sr.-3L**



**La Marque, Texas**
**(La Marque HS)**

## AWARDS

2008 Spring Team
Most Improved Wide Receiver

2006 Hon. Men. Freshman
All-American (The Sporting News)

2006 Big 12 All-Freshman Team
(The Sporting News)

2006 Team Freshman of the Year

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Proven veteran wideout who will be an unquestioned leader of the Tiger offense that is looking to continue its massive success over the past few seasons … Was held out of contact drills during the spring, as he had acromioclavicular joint reconstruction surgery in the off-season on his right shoulder – a procedure which will get him 100% for the season … Holds down the top spot at the X-receiver spot entering fall camp, a position where he made all 14 starts in 2008.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Re-established himself as a consistent producer in the Tigers' prolific offense, as he turned in career-best numbers including 41 receptions for 567 yards and 4 touchdowns … Had a very impressive spring camp, after which he was named as the team's most improved wide receiver … Changed his jersey to #4 this spring after wearing #8 the previous two seasons.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Saw his numbers decrease from his freshman year, due to the plethora of weapons the Tigers had as part of their record-setting offensive attack in 2007.

### :: 2006 SEASON

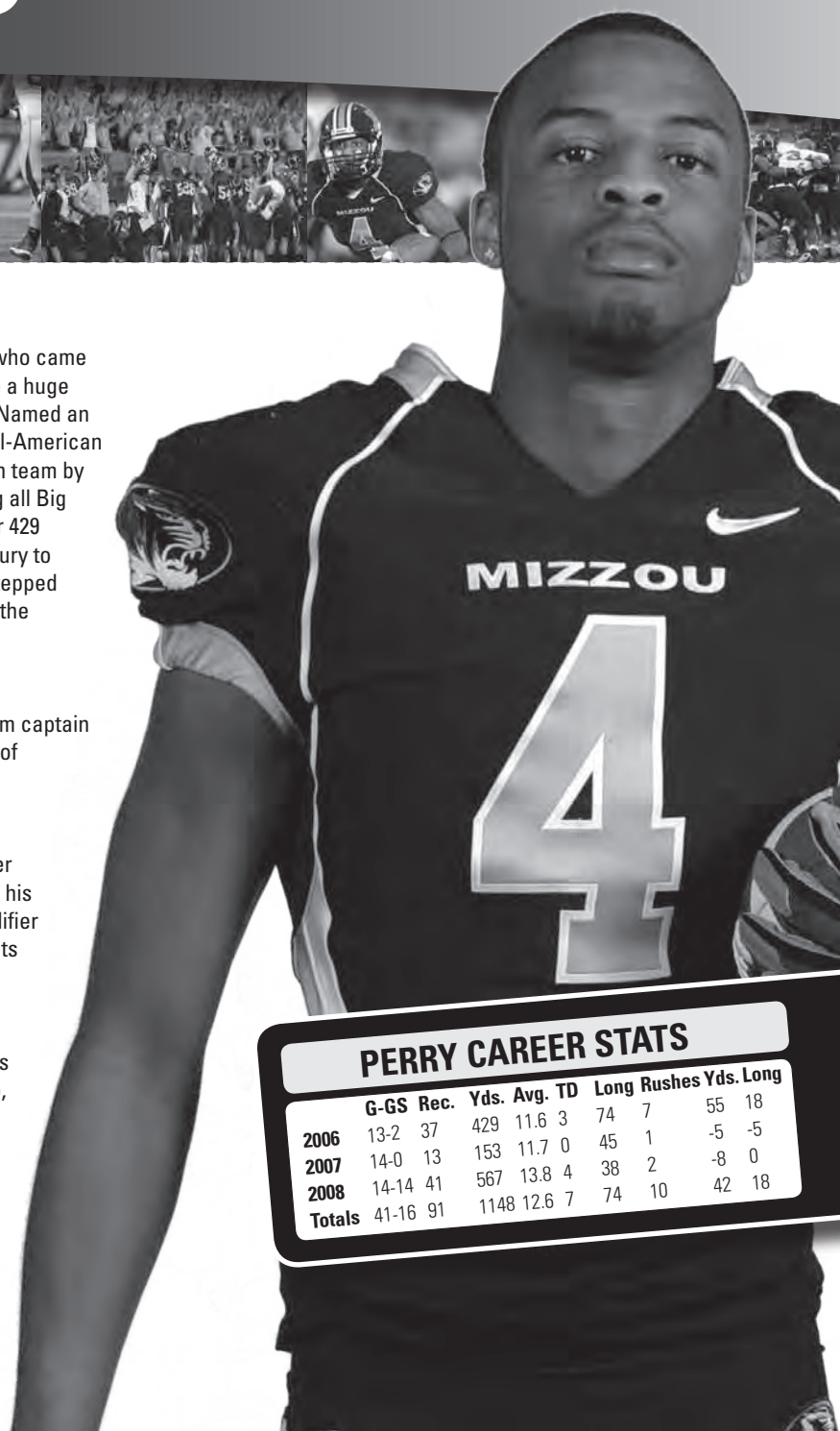
Mizzou's freshman of the year who came in as a true freshman and made a huge impact on the Tiger offense … Named an honorable mention freshman All-American and to the Big 12's All-Freshman team by the Sporting News after leading all Big 12 freshmen with 37 catches for 429 yards and 3 TDs … After the injury to star wideout Will Franklin, he stepped into Franklin's role as starter at the X-receiver position.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Speedy wideout who was a team captain and his team's offensive player of the year as a senior in 2005 … Caught 32 passes for 540 yards and 13 TDs as a senior … Was a 1st-Team All-District performer as a junior … Also ran track for his school, and was a regional qualifier for the last 2 years … Ran sprints and also high jumped 6-foot-6.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of David & Debra Bourgeios … Chose Mizzou over Colorado, Kansas, Utah, Houston and TCU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Craig Kuligowski.




## PERRY CAREER STATS

| | G-GS | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long | Rushes | Yds. | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2006 | 13-2 | 37 | 429 | 11.6 | 3 | 74 | 7 | 55 | 18 |
| 2007 | 14-0 | 13 | 153 | 11.7 | 0 | 45 | 1 | -5 | -5 |
| 2008 | 14-14 | 41 | 567 | 13.8 | 4 | 38 | 2 | -8 | 0 |
| Totals | 41-16 | 91 | 1148 | 12.6 | 7 | 74 | 10 | 42 | 18 |

# #84 JOE PLEVEL

**Linebacker**
**6-0 • 205 • RS-Fr.**

**Lake St. Louis, Mo.**
**(Holt HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

In-state athlete from nearby St. Louis who will be in his second year with the program as a walk-on linebacker … Competed in his first set of spring drills and hopes to use that experience to his benefit when fall camp opens up in August.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Joined the Tiger program as a walk-on, and was part of the scout team defense that worked throughout the year to help prepare the offense for each opponent.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

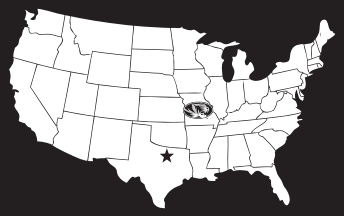
A dual-sport athlete at Wentzville-Holt High School in the St. Louis area, as he lettered in both football and track … Was an honorable-mention All-Conference performer on the gridiron for … Won his team's pole vaulter of the year award for his efforts in that challenging event … An outstanding student, who was a three-time Academic All-Conference honoree … High school coach – Chris Shields.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Joseph and Michelle Plevel … Academic path is in the Arts & Science school at Mizzou … Lists hobbies outside of football as swimming, playing volleyball and working out.

# #65 MIKE PRINCE

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-3 • 300 • Jr.-Sq.**



**Southlake, Texas**
**(Carroll HS)**

## MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Program veteran returns for his 4th year and looks to move his way up the depth chart in 2009 … Begins fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the left tackle position, behind incumbent starter Elvis Fisher … Moves over from the other side of the line, as he spent most of his time previously at the right tackle spot.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Continued his development as a future contributor to the offensive line, and saw action in 5 games on the season … Entered fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at the right tackle position, behind returning starter Colin Brown.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Saw action in 1 game during the season, and is a Texas native who got to return to near his hometown of Southlake, Texas, for the Cotton Bowl … Practiced most of the year at the right tackle position.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked as the No. 33 offensive tackle prospect in the nation, according to Scout.com …Played on Southlake Carroll teams that went 47-1 in 3 years, including consecutive 16-0 seasons in 2004 and 2005 … Both years saw the Dragons win the Texas 5A state championship, and end the year as the mythical national champions in various polls … Earned 1st-Team All-State honors (by the Texas Sportswriters' Association, as well as Scout.com) as a senior, and added 1st-Team designation on the All-District squad as well, and was his team's co-captain in 2005 … Was also a letterwinner in wrestling and track, where he threw the shotput … High school coach – Todd Dodge.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of Bill & Jeannine Prince … Plans to major in international studies at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Iowa State, Utah, Texas El-Paso and Colorado State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Steckel.

# #7
# MUNIR PRINCE

**Defensive Back**
**5-10 • 185 • Jr.-Sq.**

**St. Louis, Mo.**
**(DeSmet HS / Notre Dame)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Gets his first opportunity to contribute to his home state school after sitting out the 2008 season due to NCAA transfer rules ... Has 2 years to play 2, and has been impressive in his development as a corner back prospect … Begins fall drills listed 2nd at that position, and with speed in the 4.3 range, is one of the fastest Tigers on the team … Had a solid spring, which he closed by making 4 tackles in the Black & Gold scrimmage.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Sat out the 2008 season due to NCAA transfer rules … Spent the year helping out at both safety and cornerback in practice, getting a good feel for either position … Won the defensive Back-Up Player of the Week award for his work during preparation for the Tigers' game against Colorado.

### :: NOTRE DAME

Considered one of the quickest players on the Notre Dame roster in his time there, played cornerback in 2007 after playing in 10 games a true freshman at tailback in 2006 … Saw action in 2007 in 10 games, and registered 3 tackles, including 2 against USC and 1 against Duke … Carried 15 times for 21 yards total in 2006, with a long gain of 11 yards.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Gatorade Player of the Year for 2005 in Missouri ... Missouri Class 6A All-State pick in 2005 by Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association ... Career totals included 3,688 rushing yards and 50 total TDs ... Helped his 11-2 DeSmet Jesuit team to a Missouri Class 6A state title ... Ran a 10.4 100 meters and 21.0 200 meters and was a national AAU qualifier in both events ... High school coach – Pat Mahoney.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Elmer Rhodes and Tracy Rhodes-Prince … An accomplished student-athlete who plans to study business finance at Mizzou … Lists playing video games, weightlifting and going to the movies as some of his hobbies outside of football.

# #93 TERRELL RESONNO

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-6 • 295 • So.-1L**

**Jefferson City, Mo.**
**(Jefferson City HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Highly-touted in-state prospect from nearby Jefferson City who has a chance to step into the starting spot at the defensive tackle spot vacated by Ziggy Hood, who was a recent 1st-round draft pick by the Pittsburgh Steelers … Got valuable snaps as a redshirt freshman a year ago, backing up Hood, and that experience put him atop the depth chart at the tackle spot to begin spring drills, and that's where he begins fall camp, as well, after a solid spring.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Saw action in all 14 games, playing primarily at the tackle position, where he backed up NFL hopeful Ziggy Hood … Ended his 1st year of on-field action with 13 tackles, including 1 tackle for loss … Registered at least 1 tackle in 10-of-14 games overall, including a career-best 3-tackle game in his very first collegiate action, in the season-opener against Illinois.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the program, working on his technique and also on getting bigger and stronger in the Tiger strength and conditioning program.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 7 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri for the 2007 class, and was also the nation's No. 40 prospect at the position of strongside defensive end … Rated by Super Prep as the state of Missouri's overall No. 17 prospect (any position) … Was a standout for nearby Jefferson City at defensive tackle, and he recorded 58 tackles and 7 QB sacks in 2006 … Won 1st-Team All-State honors as a defensive end in 2006, while also pulling in All-District honors playing on the offensive line … Helped lead Jefferson City to a district title in 2006 and to a spot in the Class 6 semi-finals in the state playoffs … Also played basketball for Jefferson City, and earned a place on his school's academic honor roll … High school coach – Ted Lepage, a former Mizzou linebacker in the late 1980s.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Anthony & Sylvia Talley … Chose Mizzou over Illinois, Louisville, Kansas State, Arizona State and Kansas, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

## RESONNO CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo | Assist | Total | TFL-Yds. | QBH |
| 2008 | 14-0 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 1-2 | 1 |
| Totals | 14-0 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 1-2 | 1 |

# #95 GRANT RESSEL

**Placekicker**
**6-1 • 190 • So.-Sq.**

**Jackson, Mo.**
**(Jackson HS)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Strong-legged kicking prospect who looks to challenge for playing time primarily at placekicker this season, but who also has experience at punter as well … Begins fall camp listed second on the depth chart at the kicker position … Will also be competing for reps on kickoffs.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Saw action in 1 game, and he made the most of it, getting off a solid 43-yard punt in reserve duty against Southeast Missouri State … The punt had outstanding hang time, and forced the SEMO returner to signal for a fair catch … Had a productive spring camp, working as both a punter and kicker.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on student-athlete and contributed throughout the year in various roles on special teams in practice.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-year letterwinner for Jackson High School in football and track and field … Won 1st-Team All-Conference, All-District and All-Region honors as a kicker during his senior season, when he connected on 30-of-30 PATs and 5-of-6 FGs … Left school holding the single-season and career PAT percentage record for Class 5 in the state of Missouri … Three-year PAT success rate was 95.4% (82-of-86) … Was also 1st-Team All-Conference and All-District as a junior (24-of-26 PATs, 2-of-2 FGs) … Served as his track team's captain as a senior … High school coach – Carl Gross.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Randy & Connie Ressel … Has an interest in earning a degree in biology at Mizzou, and states his career goal as someday running his own dental practice … Was a member of his school's chapters of the National Honor Society, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Future Business Leaders of America, as well as the Spanish Club … Chose Mizzou over Purdue, Arkansas and Minnesota, among others … Lists hobbies outside of football as watching movies and traveling … Was born in Columbia, and regularly came to Tiger football and basketball games growing up, and that trend continued even when his family moved away to Jackson.

# #4 HARDY RICKS

**Strong Safety**
**6-0 • 200 • Sr.-3L**

**St. Louis, Mo.**
**(Brentwood HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Will begin fall camp listed as the starter at strong safety, and is the only Tiger listed on the depth chart at the spot with any game experience, so his leadership will be vital to getting strong play from the position … Is a seasoned veteran with 40 career games under his belt who is known as arguably the hardest hitter on the team – something that belies his very quiet and reserved nature off the field.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Played in all 14 games and totaled 39 tackles with 1.5 tackles for loss … Had off-season surgery on his left shoulder to repair torn labrum that he played with during the 2007 season … Changed his jersey to #4 this spring after wearing #28 the previous 2 seasons.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Was the starting CB opposite Darnell Terrell for the first 4 games, but moved to free safety, where he finished the season ... Saw his playing time and production tail off toward the latter half of the year as he was battling the injured shoulder.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Redshirt freshman cornerback who began the season as reserve, but took over the starting role eventually after an injury above him on the depth chart … Started 8 games during the season.

### :: 2005 SEASON

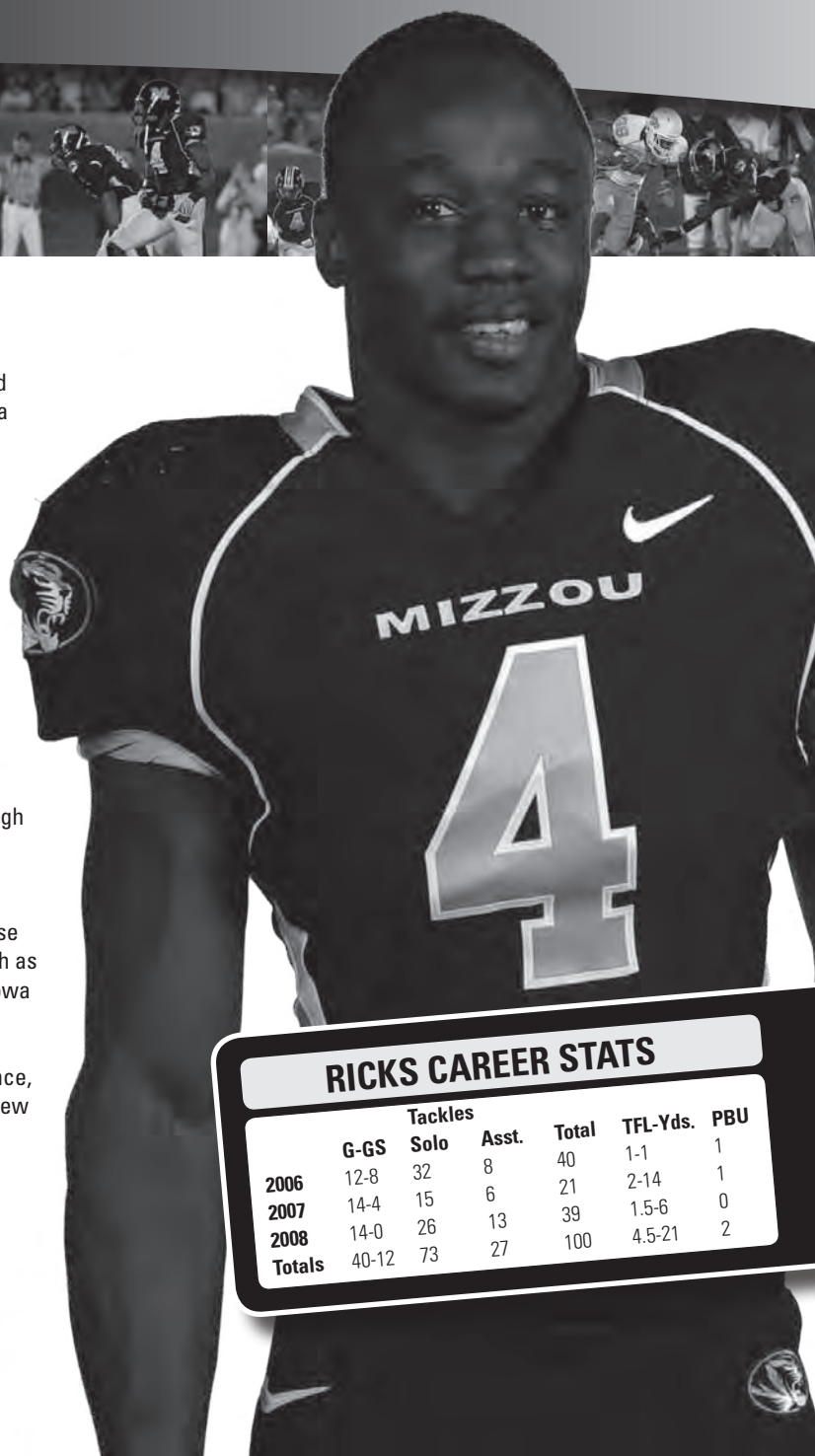
Redshirt season … Worked hard as part of the defensive scout team, and occasionally was asked to serve as a running back on the offensive scout team, as well.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as the No. 58 cornerback in the nation, and the No. 12 overall prospect in the state of Missouri, according to Rivals.com … Was a 1st-Team All-State selection as a defensive back in 2004, while earning the same honor at running back as a junior in 2003 … Solid all-around athlete who lettered in wrestling, track and basketball … High school coach – Roy Hughes.

### :: PERSONAL

Son of Hardy Ricks Jr. & Dorothy Wise … Drew interest from programs such as Kansas State, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa State and Illinois, before committing to be a Tiger … Plans to focus his studies at Mizzou in the area of finance, accounting or banking … Mizzou's new School of Business played a major factor in his choosing to be a Tiger.




## RICKS CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo | Asst. | Total | TFL-Yds. | PBU |
| 2006 | 12-8 | 32 | 8 | 40 | 1-1 | 1 |
| 2007 | 14-4 | 15 | 6 | 21 | 2-14 | 1 |
| 2008 | 14-0 | 26 | 13 | 39 | 1.5-6 | 0 |
| Totals | 40-12 | 73 | 27 | 100 | 4.5-21 | 2 |

# #46
# CURT ROTH

**Wide Receiver**
**6-2 • 220 • RS-Fr.**

**Ste. Genevieve, Mo.**
**(Ste. Genevieve High School)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Hard-working student-athlete who is a walk-on wide receiver for the Tigers, and who will be competing this fall for a spot on the depth chart.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a 1st-Team All-State tight end and a 1st-Team All-Conference defensive end for Ste. Genevieve High School as a senior, when he caught 102 passes (a state high school record for a 10-game season), for 1,302 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns while serving as a team captain … Notched 64 tackles from his end position as a senior, including 13 tackles for loss, with 3 QB sacks, and also returned his only interception for a touchdown … As a junior, was named a 2nd-Team All-State performer at tight end, while taking home 1st-Team All-Conference honors at defensive end the same year … High school coach – Robert Stolzer.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Jeff & Wanda Roth … Currently undecided on his intended course of study at Mizzou … Likes to ride dirt bikes in his spare time, as well as playing most any sport in general.

# #53 TRAVIS RUTH

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-3 • 305 • RS-Fr.**

**Jefferson City, Mo.**
**(Jefferson City HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Physically-imposing young offensive line prospect who was impressive during spring camp … Enters fall drills listed at No. 2 on the depth chart behind incumbent starter Tim Barnes at center, where he moved during the spring after starting out at guard … Is healthy and ready to go after missing most of the 2008 season due to an old foot injury from his prep days that was surgically repaired after the season started.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Took a redshirt in his 1st year in the program … Didn't get to practice until the tail end of the season due to the old foot injury.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

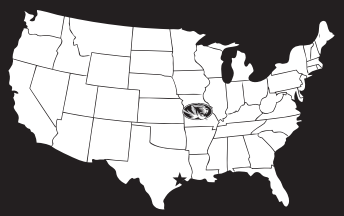
Was the 1st player to commit as part of the 2008 signing class, pledging his intent to attend Mizzou back on signing day in 2007 … A highly-touted prospect who was rated by Rivals.com as the No. 10 overall player (any position) in the state of Missouri, as well as the nation's No. 47 offensive guard … Scout listed him as the state's No. 10 overall prospect (any position), as well … Named an All-Midwest region defensive lineman by PrepStar … Two-time All-State offensive lineman for nearby Jefferson City, in both 2006 and 2007 … Won All-State honors in the shot put in 2006 and All-District honors in the shot put and discus in 2006 … High school coach – Ted LePage, a former Tiger standout at linebacker.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – John & Michelle Ruth … Is the younger brother of John Ruth, who completed his eligibility on the Tiger football team as part of the 2007 Big 12 North champions … Has an interest in studying in MU's College of Agriculture, where he wants to pursue a major of animal science … Lists hunting and fishing as his primary hobbies outside of football … Served as his senior class president, and is a member of the student council and the National Honor Society … Said that choosing Mizzou was an easy and obvious choice for him, as he has been a lifetime an of Tiger athletics … Grew up going to Mizzou football camps for as long as he can remember … Listed the new Mizzou Athletic Training Complex, as well as MU's academic reputation, as primary draws for him … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

# #20 KEVIN RUTLAND

**Defensive Back**
**6-0 • 195 • Jr.-2L**



**Houston, Texas**
**(North Shore HS)**

**AWARDS**

2009 Spring Team
Most Improved Cornerback

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Arguably the fastest Tiger on the roster who emerged from a spirited spring competition holding down the top spot chart at one cornerback position opposite returning two-year starter Carl Gettis … Won the team's most improved cornerback award during spring camp, and closed the spring down with a 3-tackle outing in the Black & Gold scrimmage … He has the most experience among other contenders, with his 28 career games.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Spent the whole season at cornerback after alternating between both corner and safety the previous year, and showed the ability to be an effective defender in Big 12 play … Turned in a career-best 25 tackles on the year and ranked among team leaders with 5 passes broken up … Saw action in all 14 games and had at least 1 tackle in 11 of them.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Saw action in all 14 games on the season, playing largely on special teams, but saw some time in reserve fashion on defense ... Changed his jersey to #20 in the spring, after wearing #16 the previous year for the Tigers.

### :: 2006 SEASON

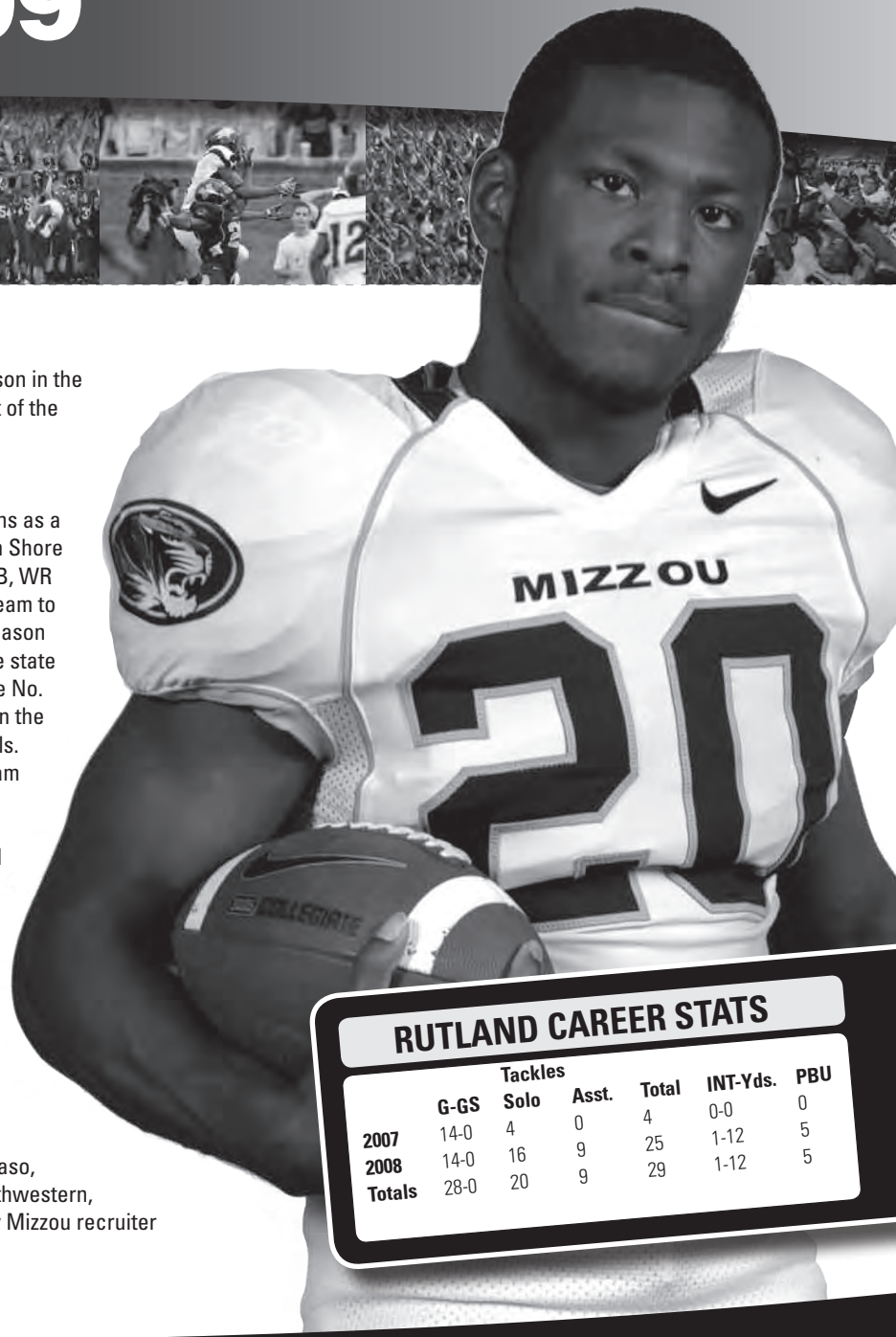
Redshirted in his 1st season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Played numerous positions as a senior at Houston's North Shore High School, including DB, WR and QB, and helped his team to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the state playoffs … Ranked as the No. 51 cornerback prospect in the nation, according to Rivals.com, and earned 2nd-Team All-District honors as a senior in 2005 … Also lettered in basketball and track, and was part of a district champion 4x200 relay team … High school coach – David Aymond.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Kenneth & Helen Rutland … Chose Mizzou over Colorado, Kansas State, Texas-El Paso, Oklahoma State and Northwestern, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Brian Jones.




## RUTLAND CAREER STATS

| | | Tackles | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | Solo | Asst. | Total | INT-Yds. | PBU |
| 2007 | 14-0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 2008 | 14-0 | 16 | 9 | 25 | 1-12 | 5 |
| Totals | 28-0 | 20 | 9 | 29 | 1-12 | 5 |

# #84 ALEX SANDERS

**Tight End**
**6-5 • 220 • Fr.**

**Springfield, Mo.**
**(Glendale HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Athletic tight end prospect who projects to be a nice fit in Mizzou's spread offense … Graduated early from high school, and enrolled at Mizzou for the semester that began in January of 2009 … Had his senior season cut short by a knee injury, and he worked through the rehabilitation process with MU's training staff during spring ball (did not participate in spring practice) and will be ready prior to the start of fall camp … Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 15 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri, and as the nation's No. 47 tight end prospect … ESPN.com lists him as the nation's No. 44 tight end and says he has a huge upside with an ideal frame for growth and added strength who has soft hands and natural feel for reading coverage and finding soft spots in the secondary.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Despite missing half of his senior season, was still named 1st-Team All-Conference as a wide receiver, with 650 receiving yards … As a junior was a 1st-Team All-State pick as he had 71 receptions and 1,127 yards and 12 touchdowns … Also participated in basketball and track at Glendale High School … High school coach – Joel Heeman.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – James & Lynelle Sanders … Interested in studying in Mizzou's School of Business … Lists hobbies as hunting and playing guitar … Chose Mizzou over Kansas, Iowa, Kansas State and Vanderbilt, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Barry Odom.

# #63 RYAN SCHLEUSNER

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-3 • 290 • Sr.-Sq.**

**Maryville, Mo.**
**(Maryville HS / Benedictine College)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Walk-on offensive lineman who hopes to earn some playing time at center, where he enters fall camp listed 3rd on the depth chart in his 3rd year in the program … Has played guard extensively in previous years, giving him the ability to line up at several positions … Came to Mizzou after attending Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Continued his valuable contributions to the Mizzou football program, working as part of the offensive scout team.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Joined the team as a walk-on lineman and spent the season working hard on the Tiger offensive scout team, playing right guard primarily during the course of the year.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a three-sport letterwinner at Maryville High School, earning letters in football, track and wrestling … Football team reached the semifinals of the Class 3 state championships during the 2004 season … Was a 2nd-Team All-Conference performer at defensive end and an honorable-mention All-Conference performer on the offensive line as a senior … Had 51 tackles as a senior, including 5 QB sacks, 2 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery … Added 20 tackles as a junior for Maryville High School … Qualified for the state championships in wrestling as a senior … High school coach – Paul Miller & Larry Wilcox.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – James & Lori Schleusner … Plans to major in hotel and restaurant management, and follow in the footsteps of his mother, who is a general manager of a Holiday Inn property.

# #88 FORREST SHOCK

**Wide Receiver**
**6-1 • 210 • Jr.-1L**

**Osage Beach, Mo.**
**(Camdenton HS)**

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Talented walk-on receiver who has shown good toughness and pass-catching skills in his time in the program… Begins fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the H-receiver position, and with a couple of veteran receivers limited due to injury during spring ball, did good work to show he can contribute … Caught 3 passes for 28 yards in the Black & Gold Game to close spring camp … Proved willing and able in 2008 to serve valuable duty on kick coverage units, as well.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Saw action in 9 games on the season, as he contributed both on offense and also as part of various special teams units … Registered 1 tackle each on kick coverage squads against both Oklahoma and Northwestern … Had a solid off-season and began fall camp listed No. 3 on the depth chart at the H-receiver position, after spring ball … Caught 1 pass for a 13-yard gain to close the spring in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Sure-handed receiver who showed during 2007 spring camp that he can contribute if the opportunity presents itself … Spent the year working as part of the Tiger offensive scout team, saw the field late in Tiger wins against Illinois State, Nebraska and Texas Tech.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Three-sport standout at Camdenton R-III High School, where he helped lead his team to the 2005 Class 4 state championship … Caught 2 TD passes in the title game (6 & 47 yards apiece) … Was an All-State selection as a linebacker as a senior, and was his team's most valuable player that year, as well … Won All-State honors as a linebacker as a junior, and was an All-Conference pick in basketball, too … Lettered in track and basketball, and won numerous district and conference championships in the 110-meter hurdles – earned All-State status in that event as a sophomore … High school coach – Bob Shore.

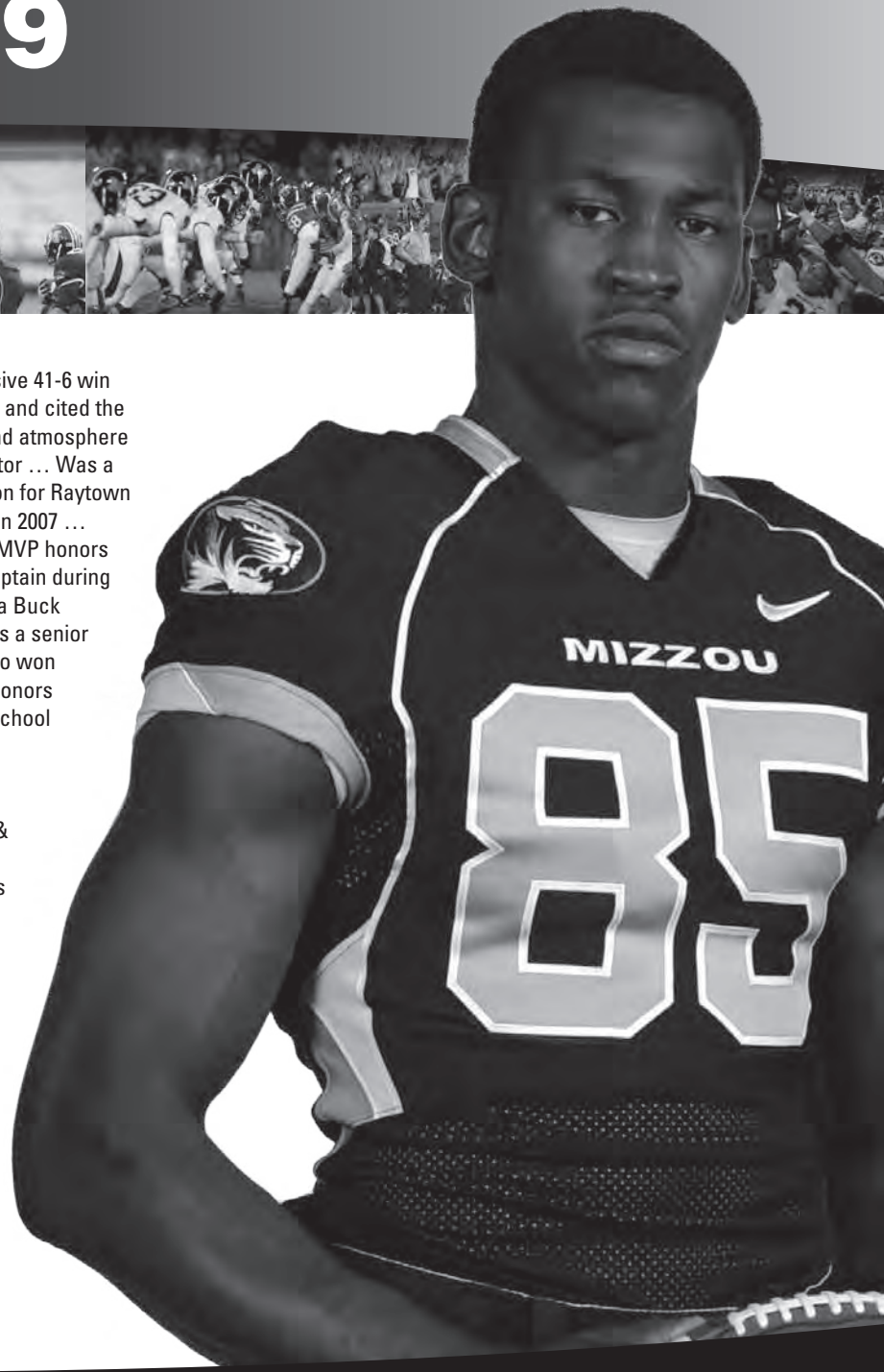
### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Frank & Barbara Shock … Is interested in studying finance and banking in Mizzou's School of Business, and follow in the footsteps of his father, who is a branch manager for a bank at the Lake of the Ozarks … Chose Mizzou over Mississippi, Michigan State and Mississippi State.

# #85 ALDON SMITH

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-5 • 245 • RS-Fr.**

**Raytown, Mo.**
**(Raytown HS)**




## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Very talented young defensive end prospect who has Tiger coaches very excited about his potential for both now and the future … Enters fall camp listed at No. 2 on the depth chart at one end position … Closed down the spring by making 4 tackles in the annual spring scrimmage that was won by the Tiger defense … With both starters from 2008 at defensive end gone to graduation, he'll have plenty of chances to earn playing time for the fall.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the Tiger program, but constantly earned attention for his outstanding athleticism and play on the defensive line … Won the team's defensive Back-Up Player of the Week award for his work in practice during preparations for the season-opening win over Illinois.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

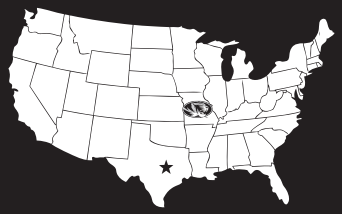
Highly-touted athlete who ranked as the No. 5 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri, as well as the No. 27 strongside defensive end in the nation, according to Rivals.com … Scout ranked him as the state's No. 7 overall prospect (any position) … Named an All-Midwest region defensive lineman by PrepStar … Committed to Mizzou immediately following Mizzou's impressive 41-6 win over Nebraska on Oct. 6th, and cited the outstanding fan support and atmosphere at Faurot Field as a big factor … Was a 1st-Team All-State selection for Raytown as a senior defensive end in 2007 … Won his team's defensive MVP honors while serving as a team captain during his senior season … Was a Buck Buchanan Award finalist as a senior … Basketball standout who won 1st-Team All-Conference honors on the hardcourt … High school coach – Ken Clemons.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Thurston Smith & Kimberly Smith … Has an interest of studying in MU's College of Business, with a plan to major in the real estate program … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Kansas and Kansas State, among many others … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

# #88
# BYRON SMITH

**Safety**
**6-1 • 190 • So.**



**Sugarland, Texas**
**(Austin High School)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

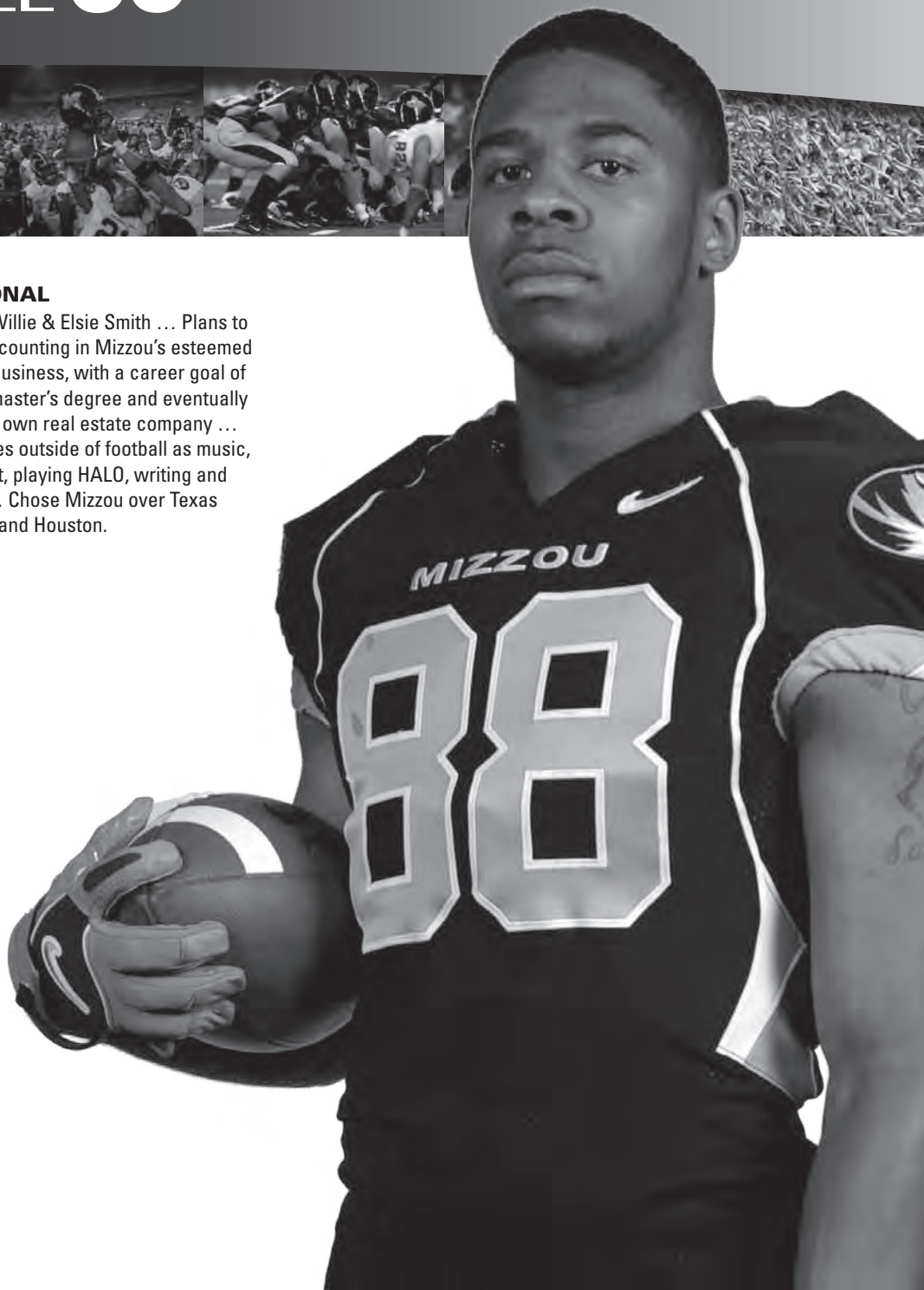
Walk-on from out of state who has good athleticism and size, and who will look to compete for a spot on the depth at safety in 2009 – a position group where Mizzou lost both starters from a year ago … Had a good spring camp, that he concluded by making one tackle in the annual Black & Gold Spring Game.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Also lettered in baseball and track in addition to his work on the gridiron … High school coaches – Tom Stuart & Mike Wyatt.

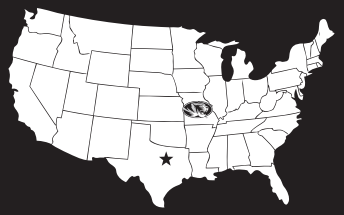
### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Willie & Elsie Smith … Plans to major in accounting in Mizzou's esteemed School of Business, with a career goal of earning a master's degree and eventually starting his own real estate company … Lists hobbies outside of football as music, working out, playing HALO, writing and traveling … Chose Mizzou over Texas A&M, TCU and Houston.



# #3 JACQUIES SMITH

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 240 • So.-1L**



**Dallas, Texas**
**(South Oak Cliff HS)**

**AWARDS**

2009 Spring Team
Most Improved Defensive Lineman

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Exciting defensive end prospect who made a name for himself last year as a true freshman … Saw action in all 14 games, and has put himself in a position to be a favorite to begin the 2009 season as a starter at defensive end … Begins fall drills atop the depth chart at one end position after an impressive spring practice period that saw him named as the team's most improved defensive lineman … First name is pronounced ja-QWEESE … Changed his jersey to #3 prior to spring ball, after wearing #53 a year ago.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Was impressive from virtually day one in fall camp, and didn't take long to establish that he would see the field as a true freshman … Ended up playing in all 14 games, and making 1 start, against Colorado … Finished with a solid rookie campaign, recording 46 tackles, 3 tackles for loss, 1 quarterback sack, and adding 2 pass break ups and 2 quarterback hurries … Closed the season with a career-best 7 tackles in helping Mizzou to its thrilling overtime win against Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 26 weakside defensive end prospect in the nation … ESPN.com ranked him as the nation's No. 75 defensive end (either side) prospect … Tabbed an All-Midlands region defensive lineman by PrepStar Magazine … Comes from the same high school as current Tiger La'Roderick Thomas … Two-time 1st-Team All-District performer, who also earned honorable mention All-State honors as a senior in 2007 … Outstanding all-around athlete who has won All-District honors and a state championship as a starting power forward in basketball, in addition to being a regional champion in track … High school coach – Chris Gilbert.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Jimmy & Opal Smith … Chose Mizzou over many other big-name schools, including Nebraska, Texas A&M, Michigan State, Colorado, Colorado State and Kentucky, among others … Has an interest in studying sports medicine while at Mizzou … Stated that the primary draw for him to Mizzou was the relationships built with him by the coaches and the family atmosphere he felt a part of during his recruiting visits … MU primary recruiting coach – Bruce Walker.

## SMITH CAREER STATS

| | Tackles | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | S-A | Tot. | TFL-Yds. | Sacks-Yds. | QBH | PBU |
| 2008 | 14-1 | 22-24 | 46 | 3-6 | 1-3 | 2 | 2 |
| Totals | 14-1 | 22-24 | 46 | 3-6 | 1-3 | 2 | 2 |

# #22 ROBERT STEEPLES

**Defensive Back**
**6-1 • 195 • RS-Fr.**

**St. Louis, Mo.**
**(DeSmet HS)**

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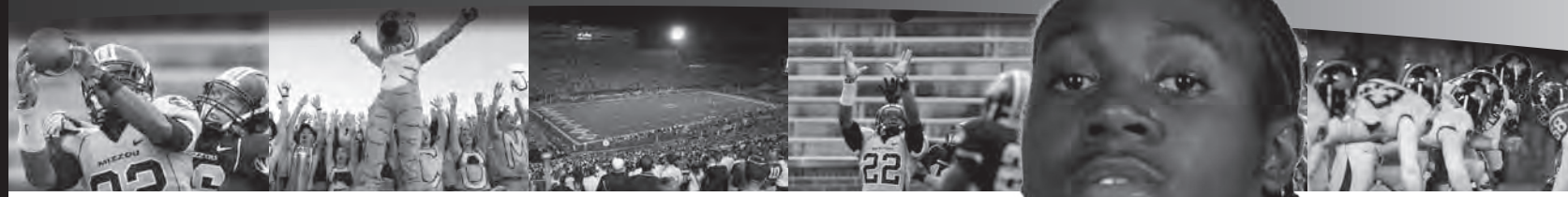


## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Another very athletic youngster who, as part of MU's highly-regarded 2008 recruiting class, put himself in position to earn some playing time in the fall with a strong spring camp … Coaches are very excited about his potential to contribute at cornerback, where he begins fall practice listed at No. 3 at one spot.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the program, but was a frequent standout in practices throughout the season for his athletic play and continually developing confidence and skills … Was named the defensive Back-Up Player of the Week for his work in practice leading up to the game at Nebraska.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

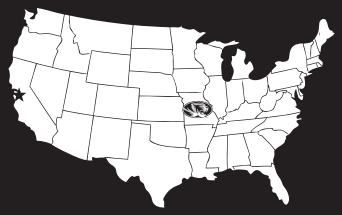
Scout's rankings had him as the state's No. 6-ranked player overall (any position), and as the nation's No. 32-ranked cornerback … Ranked by Rivals.com as the state's No. 8 player at any position, and the same outlet put him as the No. 40-ranked cornerback prospect in the nation … ESPN.com listed him as the nation's No. 45 cornerback prospect … Named a midlands All-Region team selection by SuperPrep Magazine … Earned 1st-Team All-State recognition as a senior cornerback in 2007 … Was a team captain who also returned kickoffs (24.0 avg.) and punts (17.17 avg.) … Played on DeSmet's 2005 Class 6 state championship team that won the state title … Was a three-sport standout at DeSmet, excelling in basketball, where he was a three-year varsity starting point guard, and in track, where he was a conference champion in the 200 meter dash … High school coach – Pat Mahoney.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Robert & Phyllis Steeples … Lists hobbies as drawing, video games, being with family and music … Served as president of his school's Minority Awareness Club, and also volunteers his time as a football coach at a local city recreation center … Chose Mizzou over Northwestern, Kansas State and Iowa, among others … Has an interest in studying business in MU's renowned College of Business … Listed his great relationship with MU's coaches for a major reason why he chose Mizzou, as well as the great blend of academic and athletic opportunities awaiting him here … MU primary recruiting coach – Cornell Ford.

# #5 JOSH TATUM

**Linebacker**
**6-1 • 235 • Jr.**



**Oakland, Calif.**
**(McClymonds HS /**
**City College of San Francisco)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Potential instant-impact player who was listed as the No. 12 overall junior college player in the nation (any position) by Rivals.com, playing the linebacker spot … Has 2 years to play 2 at Mizzou and participated in winter conditioning as well as spring ball … Established himself early in spring camp as a hard hitter, but had his spring cut short toward the end of camp with a back injury that kept him out of the Black & Gold Spring Game … Is expected to be healthy when fall camp opens in August and hopes to move up the depth chart, where he begins the fall listed at No. 3 at the weakside linebacker position … Comes to Mizzou from City College of San Francisco along with fellow defensive teammate Jarrell Harrison … ESPN.com says he is a very physical linebacker with a nose for the ball, and that he moves well in traffic and can make plays from sideline to sideline, while being comfortable dropping into zone coverage and making plays in space.

### :: JUNIOR COLLEGE

Initially attended USC out of high school, but transferred to CCSF after taking a redshirt at USC during the 2006 season while he was rehabbing a knee injury suffered in high school … Was tabbed a 1st-Team JUCO All-American for his play at CCSF in 2008 … Junior college coach – George Rush.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

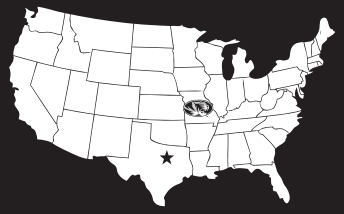
Was rated as the No. 95 overall player in the nation (any position) out of high school in 2006 by ESPN.com, and as the No. 7-rated outside linebacker prospect in the nation by the same outlet … High school coach – Alonzo Carter.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Shelly Tatum & Brenda Frazier … Interested in studying either business or communications at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as collecting vintage Nike sneakers, taking Bikram yoga, watching movies and weightlifting … Chose Mizzou over USC, Oregon, Arizona, Arizona State, Marshall, Kansas and Houston, among others … Listed MU's family atmosphere, as well as the honesty of the recruiting process by the MU coaches as primary attractions to Mizzou … MU primary recruiting coach – Matt Eberflus.

# #2
# LA'RODERICK THOMAS

**Wide Receiver**
**6-0 • 200 • Jr.-Sq.**



**Dallas, Texas**
**(South Oak Cliff HS)**

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## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Talented athlete who will be in his 2nd year as a wideout, after spending his first 2 years on defense … Wowed coaches and teammates with his work with the scout team in December 2007 in preparations for the 2008 AT&T Cotton Bowl against Arkansas … Was impressive imitating Razorback star running back Darren McFadden … Was unable to compete during spring drills due to a painful injury to his hip/groin area, and it's possible that he might not be able to play this season, either … In spite of his inability to play in the spring, was seen every day on the practice field in a coaching fashion to help his teammates improve.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Made the move to receiver in the spring, and entered fall camp listed No. 2 on the depth chart at the H-receiver position behind returning All-American Jeremy Maclin … Was impressive during spring camp, and showed that he could contribute in 2008 to MU's high-flying offense … Changed his jersey this spring to #2 after wearing #7.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Did not see the field as a redshirt freshman, but showed his considerable skills throughout the year during practices … Changed his jersey in the spring to #7 after wearing #30 in 2006.

### :: 2006 SEASON

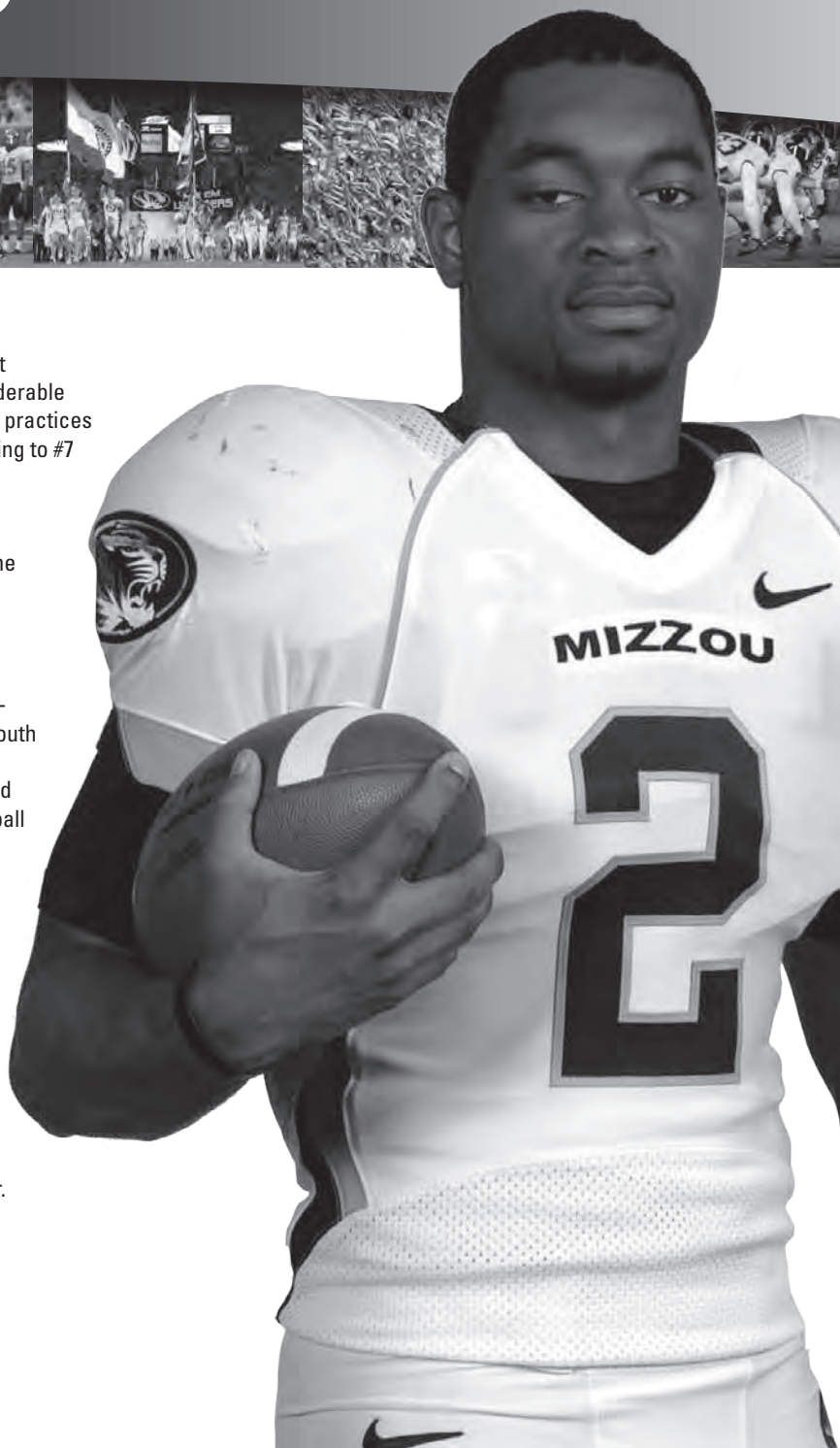
Redshirted in his 1st season in the program, working as part of the practice squad.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Versatile athlete who was an All-District quarterback at Dallas' South Oak Cliff High School … Was a 2-year starter at signal caller, and was a team captain in both football and basketball … High school coach – J.B. Wallace.

### :: PERSONAL

Mother – Bridgit Thomas … Majoring in hotel and restaurant management … Chose Mizzou over Kansas, Kansas State, Toledo, New Mexico, Texas-El Paso, Wyoming and San Diego State, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Bruce Walker.



# #24 DERRICK WASHINGTON

**Tailback**
**5-11 • 225 • Jr.-2L**

**Raymore, Mo.**
**(Raymore-Peculiar HS)**

## AWARDS

- 2008 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2008 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Phil Steele)
- 2008 Hon. Men. All-Big 12 (AP)
- 2008 Team Co-Offensive Back of the Year
- 2008 Spring Team Most Improved Tailback

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Coming off a breakout year that saw him emerge as one of the top backs in the Big 12 Conference … It's likely that his role will increase in 2009, given the departure of some key parts to Mizzou's prolific passing attack in years past … Was completely dependable a year ago with holding onto the ball, as he fumbled only once in his 177 carries (it was recovered by the Tiger offense) … Had his left knee scoped over the off-season to clean up some nagging issues that affected him during the last half of the 2008 season, but he returned to finish out the spring and will be completely healthy come fall.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Was outstanding in his 1st year as a starting tailback, as he won 2nd-Team All-Big 12 honors by running for 1,078 yards and 17 touchdowns (just 1 rushing TD shy of the MU single-season record) … Became only the 8th running back in school history to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark in a season … His 19 total touchdowns scored tied the MU single-season record held by Brad Smith (19 in 2003) … Finished the year ranked 4th in the Big 12 (58th in the NCAA) with his per-game rushing average of 74.00 yards, and he also ranked 9th in the Big 12 and 32nd nationally with his average of 8.14 points scored per contest.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Pulled his redshirt in game #3, and contributed more and more as he got his footing … Ended the season as the team's 5th-leading rusher.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 5 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri, as well as the No. 20 running back prospect in the nation ... Was a key figure to one of the most dominant team periods in Missouri history, as Ray-Pec won three straight Class 5 titles from 2004-06 ... A well-rounded athlete who also lettered in basketball and track for his school ... High school coach - Tom Kruse.

### :: PERSONAL

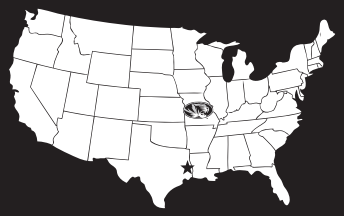
Parents - Donald & Sarah Washington ... Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan State, Colorado State and Kansas, among others ... Primary Mizzou recruiter – Andy Hill.

## WASHINGTON CAREER STATS

| | G-GS | Rush | Avg. | TDs | Long | Rec.-Yds. | TDs | Long |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2007 | 12-0 | 36-184 | 5.1 | 1 | 20 | 10-70 | 1 | 25 |
| 2008 | 14-14 | 177-1078 | 5.9 | 17 | 59 | 29-277 | 2 | 28 |
| Totals | 26-14 | 213-1220 | 5.7 | 18 | 59 | 39-347 | 3 | 28 |

# #12
# SEAN WEATHERSPOON

**Linebacker**
**6-2 • 245 • Sr.-3L**



**Jasper, Texas**
**(Jasper HS)**

## AWARDS

- 2009 Pre-Season All-American Candidate
- 2008 Butkus Award Finalist
- 2008 2nd-Team All-American (Phil Steele)
- 2008 3rd-Team All-American (AP and Rivals.com)
- 2008 Hon. Men. All-American (Sports Illustrated)
- 2008 Valero Alamo Bowl Defensive MVP
- 2008 Unanimous 1st-Team All-Big 12
- 2008 Bednarik Award Semifinalist
- 2008 Lott Trophy Quarterfinalist
- 2007 1st-Team All-Big 12 (AP, San Antonio Express-News, Rivals.com)
- 2007 2nd-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, Dallas Morning News, Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, Waco Tribune-Herald

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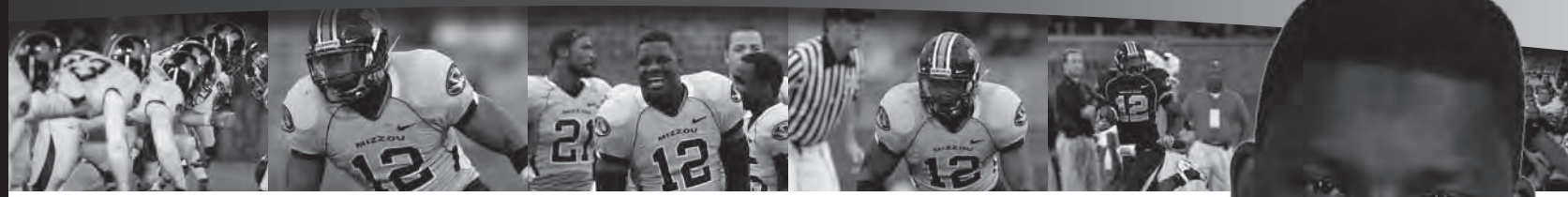


## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Established himself as one of the top linebackers in the nation a year ago, and he'll be on the short list for national honors candidates at the position heading into 2009 … Lines up at the weakside linebacker position, where he enters fall camp listed No. 1 on the depth chart … With 302 career tackles entering the season, he's got a shot at breaking the school career record for tackles of 434 set by James Kinney from 2001-04.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Had an all-star junior season that saw him win 2nd-Team All-American honors from one national outlet, as well as being a Butkus Award Finalist and a unanimous 1st-Team All-Big 12 selection … Finished with 155 tackles (2nd-most in MU single-season history), 18.5 tackles for loss, 3 interceptions (2 of which he returned for touchdowns), … Was named the defensive MVP in the Valero Alamo Bowl, where he registered 17 tackles.

### :: 2007 SEASON

First-year starter who led the team with 130 tackles … Had double-digit tackle games 7 times on the season ... Ranked 5th in the Big 12 with his 130 tackles.

### :: 2006 SEASON

Saw action in all 13 games, primarily on various special teams units, and was named Mizzou's special teams player of the year, as he led the team with 9 tackles on kickoff coverage … Had 17 tackles in all for the season, and had stops in 9-of-13 games.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Versatile athlete who was an accomplished three-sport star in Texas, including as a linebacker in football … Was named the Texas District 22-3A player of the year as a senior, after making 98 tackles in 2005 for Jasper … Excellent all-around athlete who was an All-State high jumper in track, and an All-District performer as a guard in basketball … High school coach – Danny Lauve.

### :: PERSONAL

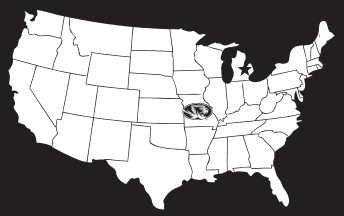
Parents – Develous & Elwanda Weatherspoon … Is nicknamed "Spoon" … Has an interest in studying business administration at Mizzou's top-notch School of Business … Chose Mizzou over Iowa State, Houston, Tulane and TCU, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Matt Eberflus.

## WEATHERSPOON CAREER STATS

| | Tackles | | | | Sacks | INT | FF-FR | PBU |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | G-GS | S-A | Tot. | TFL | | | | |
| 2006 | 13-0 | 11-6 | 17 | 1-12 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 2007 | 14-14 | 77-53 | 130 | 9.5-45 | 3-26 | 0-0 | 2-1 | 8 |
| 2008 | 14-14 | 76-79 | 155 | 18.5-75 | 5-46 | 3-100 | 2-0 | 7 |
| Totals | 41-28 | 164-138 | 302 | 29-132 | 8-72 | 3-100 | 4-1 | 15 |

# #99 GEORGE WHITE

**Defensive Lineman**
**6-3 • 250 • RS-Fr.**



**Flint, Mich.**
**(Carman-Ainsworth HS / Harmony Prep)**

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Highly-touted defensive talent who has moved to the defensive line after starting out at linebacker … Is lining up at the defensive tackle position, where he starts the fall listed 3rd on the depth chart … Had off-season surgery to repair torn labrum in his right shoulder, which limited his impact during the spring … Changed his jersey to #99 prior to spring drills, after wearing #52 during his first year in the Mizzou program.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted during his 1st year in the program … Began working with the Tiger linebackers, but moved before the year was over to the defensive line, where his size, speed and athleticism proved to be a good mixture.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was originally part of Mizzou's 2007 recruiting class who re-signed in 2008 after taking a brief detour to Cincinnati's Harmony Prep School, where he starred as a defensive end … Was a teammate at Harmony with fellow 2008 class signee Rolandis Woodland … Was rated by Rivals.com as the nation's No. 25 prep school prospect at any position … Named a prep school All-American by PrepStar … In 2007, was rated by Rivals as the nation's No. 24-ranked inside linebacker prospect, and also as the No. 17 overall prospect (any position) to come out of the state of Michigan in 2007 … Earned 1st-Team All-State acclaim from the Detroit News as a senior … Was a 1st-Team All-League choice on both sides of the ball in 2006, and was also his team's captain … An excellent all-around athlete who also participated in basketball and track at his school … High school coach – Jerry Parker … Prep school coach – David Pool.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – George White & Bertha Johnson … Plans to pursue a degree in business at Mizzou's esteemed School of Business … Cited the relationships he established with MU coaches and players as one of the primary reasons for coming to MU … Chose Mizzou over Michigan State, Iowa, Pittsburgh, Illinois, Indiana and Central Michigan, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Cornell Ford.

# #49
# CHRIS WILLETT

**Tight End**
**6-2 • 225 • RS-Fr.**

**Liberty, Mo.**
**(Liberty High School)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

In-state athlete who lines up as a walk-on tight end for the Tigers, where he'll work this fall to make his way onto the depth chart at the position.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was a two-way starter for Liberty, as well as a special teams standout … Served as his team's captain during his senior season, and tallied eight total touchdowns scored combined during his junior and senior campaigns … Displayed his prowess on special teams, where he blocked three punts as a junior, which led the team … Also did a great job in the classroom, as he was awarded with several scholar-athlete awards during his prep days … Was a three-sport letterwinner at Liberty, as he won awards in football, baseball and basketball … Played on conference champion basketball teams in 2007 and 2008 … High school coach – Pat Hansen.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – David & Brenna Willett … Father played basketball at the University of Texas … Plans to major in business management at Mizzou, with a goal of pursing his career in the business world … Enjoy snow skiing and billiards in his downtime.

# #48 ANDREW WILSON

**Linebacker**
**6-4 • 230 • Fr.**

**Peculiar, Mo.**
**(Raymore-Peculiar HS)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

Highly-touted linebacker prospect who keeps the pipeline of talent coming to Mizzou from Raymore-Peculiar High School, which has recently produced Tiger standouts Chase Coffman and Derrick Washington … Known as an instinctive play-maker at the linebacker position who runs well and can cover sideline-to-sideline … Was a December 2008 graduate of high school, and enrolled in Mizzou for the spring semester and took part in winter conditioning and spring ball … Stood out during the spring as a hard hitter, much in the line of his father, Jay, who was an All-Big Eight linebacker at Mizzou in the early 1980s … Begins fall camp listed at No. 4 on the depth chart at the strongside linebacker position … Ranked by Rivals.com as the state of Missouri's No. 13 overall prospect (any position) and as the No. 69 linebacker prospect in the country … Scout.com lists him as the nation's No. 18 outside linebacker prospect … ESPN.com has him as an inside linebacker prospect and lists him as the nation's No. 44 prospect there.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Was named the Missouri Class 5 defensive player of the year, after notching 146 tackles for Ray-Pec, which went 11-2 in 2008 and were runners-up in the state title game … Also won the Buck Buchanan Memorial Award for most outstanding linebacker/lineman in the Kansas City area … Had 129 tackles as a junior, with 17 tackles for loss, 3 ½ quarterback sacks, 4 forced fumbles, 2 interceptions and 1 fumble recovery and earned All-State, All-Metro, All-Conference and All-District honors … Played defensive end as a sophomore in 2006 as Ray-Pec won its third straight state title, before he moved to middle linebacker for his last 2 years … High school coach – Tom Kruse.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Jay & Stacy Wilson … Father Jay played linebacker at Mizzou from 1980-83, winning All-Big Eight honors in 1983, and he left MU holding the school's career tackles record, with 323 (he now ranks 12th on the list) … Interested in studying business management at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as fishing and reading … Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State, Colorado State and Northwestern, among others … Mizzou's family atmosphere in the football program was a big selling point for him … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

# #5
# ROLANDIS WOODLAND

**Wide Receiver**
**6-3 • 195 • RS-Fr.**

**St. Louis, Mo.**
**(Rockwood Summit HS / Harmony Prep)**

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

A very talented and potentially explosive athlete who will be in the mix with a bunch of young receivers vying for playing time in 2009 … Begins fall drills listed as No. 2 on the depth chart at the X-receiver position, behind returning starter Jared Perry … Had a great opportunity during the spring, as he got lots of reps with the #1 offense, and showed he's got the ability to be a contributor this season.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the Tiger program, but showed from day one in practice that he had the ability and athleticism to be a very nice fit in the Mizzou spread offense … Was a stand-out in practice most every day, making plays for the offensive scout team … Was a two-time winner of the offensive Back-Up Player of the Week, for his efforts in practice prior to games against Nevada and Colorado.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

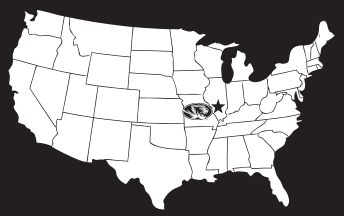
Originally part of Mizzou's 2007 recruiting class who re-signed as part of the 2008 class after taking a brief detour to Cincinnati's Harmony Prep School, where he starred as a wide receiver … Was a teammate at Harmony with fellow 2008 class signee George White … Was rated by Rivals.com as the nation's No. 28 prep school prospect at any position … Named a prep school All-American by PrepStar … In 2007, was rated by Rivals.com as the No. 9 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri for 2007, and as the No. 69 wide receiver in the nation … Won 1st-Team All-State honors as a senior wideout, and also took home 1st-Team All-Conference mention as a wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner … Also was a standout on the hardcourt, where he helped lead Lutheran North to a Class 3 state championship, scoring 16 points in the title victory over Charleston in 2005 … Was named the championship game player of the game … High school coach – Mike Bellers.

### :: PERSONAL

Prep school coach – David Pool … Son of Rolanda Woodland … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, UCLA, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Michigan State and Illinois, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Cornell Ford.

# #66 AUSTIN WUEBBELS

**Offensive Lineman**
**6-4 • 300 • So.-2L**



**Troy, Ill.**
**(Triad HS)**

**AWARDS**

2008 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12

MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 OUTLOOK

After getting his first playing experience as a collegian in 2008 as a redshirt freshman, he's primed to challenge for a starting spot on the offensive line … The push for a starting role began during the spring, and he emerged listed atop the depth chart at the left guard position, where he'll be part of a spirited competition to replace departed three-year starter Ryan Madison … Last name is pronounced WEB-uls.

### :: 2008 SEASON

Saw significant action as a redshirt freshman, playing in 10 games, primarily in a reserve role, but getting more meaningful snaps as the season wore on … Served as the primary backup to All-Big 12 right guard Kurtis Gregory … Won the team's Hammer Award for the biggest hit during MU's game at top-ranked Texas … Was awarded for his work in the classroom by being named a 1st-Team Academic All-Big 12 selection.

### :: 2007 SEASON

Redshirted in his 1st year in the Tiger program, working on the offensive scout team while getting bigger and stronger in the strength program.

### :: HIGH SCHOOL

Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 47 offensive guard in the nation, as well as the No. 29 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Illinois … Caught the eye of Mizzou coaches after outstanding performances at Mizzou camps in both 2005 and 2006 … Named team MVP and won All-State, All-Conference and All-Metro honors as a senior in 2006 … An outstanding student-athlete who was a National Honor Society member … Also a 3-time letterwinner in basketball, where he served as team captain as both a junior and senior … High school coach – Paul Bassler.

### :: PERSONAL

Parents – Charlie & Michele Wuebbels … Intends to pursue a degree in engineering at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Louisville, Purdue, Kansas State, Illinois and Indiana, among others … Primary Mizzou recruiter – Dave Christensen.

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL 09

## :: 2009 MIZZOU FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS

| Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown (High School/Jr. College) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tavon Bolden | LB | 6-2 | 210 | Houston, Texas (Aldine HS) |
| Donovan Bonner | DB | 6-2 | 230 | Dallas, Texas (Lincoln HS) |
| Justin Britt | OL | 6-6 | 270 | Lebanon, Mo. (Lebanon HS) |
| Brayden Burnett | DL | 6-3 | 240 | Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS) |
| Adam Burton | LB | 6-2 | 235 | Lee's Summit, Mo. (West HS) |
| Jaleel Clark | WR | 6-5 | 210 | Allentown, Pa. (Parkland HS) |
| *Blaine Dalton | QB | 6-1 | 190 | Blue Springs, Mo. (South HS) |
| Marvin Foster | DL | 6-2 | 265 | Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley HS) |
| Chris Freeman | OL | 6-8 | 350 | Trotwood, Ohio (Madison HS) |
| *Ashton Glaser | QB | 6-2 | 210 | Springdale, Ark. (Springdale HS) |
| *Jarrell Harrison | DB | 6-2 | 210 | Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde HS/CC of San Francisco) |
| Mark Hill | OL | 6-6 | 260 | Branson, Mo. (Branson HS) |
| Kendial Lawrence | TB | 5-9 | 185 | Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall-Heath HS) |
| Jack Meiners | OL | 6-6 | 305 | St. Louis, Mo. (Chaminade Prep) |
| T.J. Moe | DB | 6-0 | 190 | O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt West HS) |
| Ty Phillips | DL | 6-3 | 250 | East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS) |
| Sheldon Richardson | TE | 6-4 | 275 | St. Louis, Mo. (Gateway HS) |
| Michael Sam | DL | 6-3 | 230 | Hitchcock, Texas (Hitchcock HS) |
| *Alex Sanders | TE | 6-5 | 220 | Springfield, Mo. (Glendale HS) |
| Jasper Simmons | DB | 6-1 | 205 | Pensacola, Fla. (Washington HS/Hutchinson CC) |
| Kerwin Stricker | WR | 6-2 | 195 | Washington, Mo. (Washington HS) |
| *Josh Tatum | LB | 6-1 | 235 | Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds HS/CC of San Francisco) |
| L'Damian Washington | WR | 6-4 | 180 | Shreveport, La. (Green Oaks HS) |
| Matt White | DB | 6-0 | 180 | Keller, Texas (Keller HS) |
| *Andrew Wilson | LB | 6-4 | 230 | Peculiar, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar HS) |

*January enrollee, bio is included in veteran player section

## :: BREAKDOWN BY STATE

**Missouri (10)** Britt (Lebanon), Burton (Lee's Summit), Dalton (Blue Springs), Hill (Branson), Meiners (St. Louis), Moe (O'Fallon), Richardson (St. Louis), Sanders (Springfield), Stricker (Washington), Wilson (Peculiar)

**Texas (7)** Bolden (Houston), Bonner (Dallas), Burnett (Southlake), Foster (Fort Worth), Lawrence (Rockwall), Sam (Hitchcock), White (Keller)

**Arkansas (1)** Glaser (Springdale)

**California (1)** Tatum (Oakland)

**Florida (1)** Simmons (Pensacola)

**Illinois (1)** Phillips (East St. Louis)

**Louisiana (1)** Washington (Shreveport)

**Nevada (1)** Harrison (Las Vegas)

**Ohio (1)** Freeman (Trotwood)

**Pennsylvania (1)** Clark (Allentown)

## :: TAVON BOLDEN

**Fr., LB, 6-2, 210, Houston, Texas (Aldine HS)**

(First name is pronounced tuh-VON) … Fluid athlete who runs well and who projects at several different positions, and could play on either side of the ball … ESPN.com ranks him as the nation's No. 64 prep safety prospect, and says he has all of the tools to be a very good college defender – size, speed, agility, ball skills, range and instincts … That outlet also says he shows toughness and aggressiveness on run support … Was a 1st-Team All-District selection as a senior in 2008 after he had 30 tackles and a fumble recovery … Also averaged just under 25 yards on kickoff returns … Also played a little receiver, and had 4 catches in 2008 for 123 yards and 2 touchdowns, good for a whopping 30.8 yards per catch average … A good all-around athlete who has also lettered for his school in basketball and track and field … High school coach – Bob Jones … Parents – Thomas & Carol Bolden … Interested in studying architecture at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as playing basketball … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma State, Boston College, California and Houston, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Brian Jones.

## :: DONOVAN BONNER

**Fr., DB, 6-2, 230, Dallas, Texas (Lincoln HS)**

Ball-hawking defender who made his mark at Dallas' Lincoln High at safety … ESPN.com says he displays great break on the football and reacts well to the pass as an active free safety, and that he possesses soft hands, snatches the ball out of the air and is a real running threat once he makes the pick … Won 1st-Team All-State and All-District honors as a senior, as he accounted for 91 tackles in 2008, to go with 23 pass break-ups and 7 interceptions (two of which he returned for touchdowns), playing on a defense which led the state with 24 interceptions … As a junior in 2007, tallied 32 tackles and grabbed 5 interceptions and was named a 1st-Team All-District selection … Is also a multi-year letterwinner in basketball for his school … High school coach – Jerry Sands … Parents – Timothy Cunningham & Lashanda Bonner … Interested in studying criminology at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as sports, socializing and talking on the phone … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Wisconsin, Kansas State, Kansas, Miami, Minnesota, and Colorado State, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Bruce Walker, who he says is the funniest guy in the world.

## :: JUSTIN BRITT

**Fr., OL, 6-6, 270, Lebanon, Mo. (Lebanon HS)**

A self-described lifelong Mizzou fan who is an athletic lineman with a frame that projects very well at the college level … Played on both sides of the line of scrimmage for Lebanon High School, and starred on offense at left tackle … Is ranked as the No. 19 overall prospect (any position) in Missouri, according to Rivals.com, and is ranked by ESPN.com as the No. 86 offensive tackle prospect in the nation … ESPN.com touts him as having good mobility and foot agility and a large wing span which helps in pass protection … Was a 1st-Team All-State pick in 2008 as an offensive lineman, as well as taking home 1st-Team All-District and All-Conference honors … Starred at left tackle for a high-powered offense that racked up nearly 5,200 yards of total offense and threw for nearly 3,300 yards … Allowed only one sack in 2008 in 434 pass attempts … His team was regional champs in 2008, and won a state playoff game for only the second time in school history … A good overall athlete who was a three-year letterwinner in football, wrestling and track … Placed 6th at the state wrestling championships in the heavyweight division in 2008, and has attended Mizzou's wrestling camp in the past … Was district heavyweight champion in 2008, adding to a pair of conference titles he won in 2007 and 2008, and he stood 25-0 during the 2009 season … High school coach – Will Christian … Parents – Chris & Kelly Britt … Interested in studying in the School of Education at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as weightlifting, sports in general, and beating everyone at football on X-Box 360 … Chose Mizzou over Kansas State, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Barry Odom … Has been a big boy from day one, as he weighed in at 11 pounds, 8 ounces at birth.

## :: BRAYDEN BURNETT

**Fr., DL, 6-3, 240, Southlake, Texas (Carroll HS)**

Highly-sought after defensive end prospect who received over 25 scholarship offers from around the country … Starred at tradition-rich Southlake (Texas) Carroll High School, which produced former record-setting Tiger quarter Chase Daniel and current offensive lineman Mike Prince … Is listed by Rivals.com as the No. 22 strongside defensive end prospect in the nation, and is also the No. 77 overall prospect (any position) out of the state of Texas … ESPN.com says he is a sound football player with good quickness off the ball with solid lateral movement and good recognition skills … Tallied 65 tackles, with 15 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries and 1 forced fumble in 2008, while scoring 2 defensive touchdowns for the Dragons … Earned 1st-Team All-District and All-Area honors as a senior, and was also named a 2nd-Team Class 5A All-State defensive end selection … Had 57 tackles as a junior, including 17 tackles for loss and 12 sacks, while being named 1st-Team All-District and All-Area … Lettered on the Dragons' 2006 team which won the 5A state championship as well as the mythical national championship … Has also lettered in

**:: BRAYDEN BURNETT (continued)**

track as a shot-put specialist … High school coach – Hal Wasson … Parents – Paul & Jeri Burnett … An outstanding student who was a 1st-Team Academic All-State selection in 2008 … Interested in studying business finance at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as fishing and playing ping pong … Chose Mizzou over California, Wisconsin, Arizona State, Michigan State, Kansas and Colorado, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Dave Steckel.

## :: ADAM BURTON

**Fr., LB, 6-2, 235, Lee's Summit, Mo. (West HS)**

A punishing defender with a nose for the ball who comes from a football family and has dreamed of playing for his homestate school … Rivals.com has him ranked as the No. 14 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri … ESPN.com ranks him as the nation's No. 41 overall inside linebacker prospect … Scout.com ranks him as the nation's No. 44 middle linebacker prospect … ESPN.com says he is a tough, physical inside run stuffer who fills his middle rush lanes with great strength and power … Was an All-Conference performer as a senior in 2008, as he amassed 58 tackles, including 7 tackles for loss and 3 quarterback sacks, while also recovering 1 fumble in 7 games … Also lettered in basketball multiple years at Lee's Summit West … High school coach – Royce Boehm … Parents – Steve & Mary Anne Burton … Interested in studying nutrition and fitness or physical therapy at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as working out and driving and working on his car … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Michigan, Michigan State, Kansas State and Army, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

## :: JALEEL CLARK

**Fr., WR, 6-5, 210, Allentown, Pa. (Parkland HS)**

Big wide receiver target who many people feel is a sleeper with a huge upside, who flew under the radar until late in the recruiting game, largely due to the fact that his team featured the run game most prominently … Is ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 16 overall prospect (any position) out of the state of Pennsylvania … ESPN.com ranks him as the nation's No. 40 prep wide receiver and calls him a very good prospect with the upside to develop into a great college receiver … Scout.com has him rated as the nation's No. 59 wide receiver and says he runs crisp and precise pass routes and has exceptional hands with no fear of going over the middle and who is also a very solid blocker … Was a 1st-Team All-Conference selection each of the last two years on both sides of the ball, earning the distinction in 2007 and 2008 at both wide receiver and defensive back … Was a 1st-Team All-State pick in 2008 as a defensive back, while he also caught 34 passes for 502 yards and 5 touchdowns … Selected to play in the prestigious 2009 Big 33 All-Star Football Game to be played this June … As a junior in 2007, was a 1st-Team All-State selection and was the Allentown Morning Call's Player of the Year, after grabbing 51 receptions for 785 yards and 10 TDs … Also returned punts and had 4 return TDs in his career … Is a standout on the basketball court, and as a junior won team MVP honors and 1st-Team All-Conference (15 points and 8 rebounds) … High school coach – Jim Morgans … Parents – Joseph & Arlene Stimpfl … Interested in studying business at Mizzou in the University's esteemed College of Business … Lists hobbies as X-Box 360 and hanging out with friends … Chose Mizzou over Penn State, Pittsburgh, Illinois, Boston College, West Virginia, Stanford and Minnesota, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Dave Steckel.

## :: MARVIN FOSTER

**Fr., DL, 6-2, 265, Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley HS)**

Standout prep defensive end who could move to the interior on the defensive line at the college level … ESPN.com says he displays good quickness off the ball and that he has a good motor and is a very high-energy player who is a solid tackler … Won co-MVP of District 3-5A as a senior for his play that included 74 tackles, 22 tackles for loss and 6 quarterback sacks from the defensive end position … Also named a 2nd-Team All-State defensive end as a senior, as well as earning Academic All-State honors … Had 67 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and 4 quarterback sacks as a junior, and 1st-Team All-District honors that year … Was named the district sophomore player of the year in 2006 as he made 56 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and 3 quarterback sacks … High school coach – Mike Papas … Parents – Marvin & Cynthia Foster … Father played football at TCU, and older brother, Marquay, played football at the University of Houston, and has played in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins and New Orleans Saints … Has been a straight A student since beginning public schooling, and has been on his school's honor roll all four years … Interested in studying kinesiology at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as bowling, video games and reading … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Stanford, TCU and Baylor, among others … Lists the family-like atmosphere and the town of Columbia as primary draws to the Mizzou campus … MU primary recruiting coach – Dave Steckel.

## :: CHRIS FREEMAN

**Fr., OL, 6-8, 350, Trotwood, Ohio (Madison HS)**

A late get in the recruiting process for Mizzou who gives the Tigers one of the biggest and most highly-coveted offensive line prospects in the Midwest … Was a bit of a late bloomer on the recruiting circuit, due to the fact that he was a basketball player primarily and didn't come out for football until late in his junior year in high school (played in only one game as a junior after being recruited to join the football team by the team's quarterback, after seeing him work out one day) … Basketball skills have helped give him good footwork, which helps make him full of potential for growth as a developing talent … Rivals.com ranks him as the No. 40 overall prospect (any position) out of the state of Ohio, and as the nation's No. 56 offensive tackle prospect … Scout.com ranks him as the nation's No. 34 offensive tackle prospect … ESPN.com lists him as the nation's No. 48-ranked offensive tackle prospect, and calls him a skyscraper with very powerful hands who is a perfect fit for a spread offense … Earned All-Conference honors as a senior as he continued to learn about the nuances of offensive line play in his first full season on the gridiron … High school coach – Maurice Douglass … Parents – Mike & Tisha Freeman … Had numerous scholarship offers from which to choose, and eventually chose Mizzou over Colorado, Florida, Nebraska, Michigan, Oregon, West Virginia, UCLA, Wisconsin, Tennessee and Oklahoma, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Cornell Ford.

## :: MARK HILL

**Fr., OL, 6-6, 260, Branson, Mo. (Branson HS)**

Outstanding overall athlete who comes from an athletic family, and played offensive tackle and defensive end for Branson High School … Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 18 overall prospect (any position) out of the state of Missouri … Helped lead Branson to the playoffs for the first time in 13 years as a senior in 2008 … Was named 2nd-Team All-State as an offensive lineman, and also took home 1st-Team All-District and All-Conference honors there, as well … Won honorable mention All-District acclaim and was 1st-Team All-Area as a defensive end in 2007 … For his career on defense, registered 102 total tackles and 14 tackles for loss … Also a standout track and field athlete for his school who is the school record-holder in the discus event … High school coach – Steve Hancock … Parents – Troy & Susan Hill … Father is 6-foot-8, and his older brother, Steven, is a 7-footer who played basketball for Arkansas … Interested in studying business management at Mizzou … Is a member of the National Honor Society … Lists hobbies as riding four-wheelers, weight lifting, hanging out with friends, and playing ping pong … Chose Mizzou over Kansas, Arkansas and Wyoming, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Barry Odom.

## :: KENDIAL LAWRENCE

**Fr., TB, 5-9, 185, Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall-Heath HS)**

(First name is pronounced KEN-dull) … A late recruiting get for the Tigers who, as a Parade All-American, is one of the most highly-regarded running back prospects in the country … Rivals.com lists him as the No. 16 running back prospect in the nation, as well as the No. 49 overall player (any position) in the state of Texas … ESPN.com calls him a natural runner who displays great patience through the hole with great vision and feel for the cutback who should excel in a spread attack such as Mizzou's … Won 1st-Team All-State and district offensive MVP honors in 2008 as he rushed for 2,681 yards and a whopping 43 touchdowns while he helped lead his team to a 13-1 record and the school's first-ever district championship … His team was actually 13-0 in games in which he played, but he was unable to go in the Class 4A state quarterfinal game due to an injured shoulder … Had an amazing three-game stretch in November when he ran for yardage totals of 365, 242 and 261 yards in consecutive games, while getting 5 touchdowns in each of those games … Had 1,734 rushing yards and 25 touchdowns as a junior, and won 2nd-Team All-State and 1st-Team All-District honors for his play in 2007 … High school coach – Mickey Moss … Parents – Kendrick & Hortencia Lawrence … Interested in studying management in the esteemed College of Business at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as football, track, family, friends and shopping … Chose Mizzou over Arizona, Kansas, Southern Mississippi, Louisville, Mississippi State, Houston, SMU and Iowa State, among many others … MU primary recruiting coach – Bruce Walker.

## :: JACK MEINERS

**Fr., OL, 6-6, 305, St. Louis, Mo. (Chaminade Prep)**

(Last name is pronounced MINE-ers) … One of the most highly-coveted offensive line prospects in the region who starred at tackle for Chaminade Prep in the St. Louis area … Was one of the first in-state prospects to commit to Mizzou during the spring of 2009 … Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 11 overall prospect (any position) out of the state of Missouri, and ESPN.com lists him as the nation's No. 28 offensive tackle prospect, as well … ESPN.com says he is a big and powerful lineman who could play either tackle or guard in college, and is a very effective blocker in all phases of offensive line play who demonstrates solid techniques and really works to sustain blocks … Was a team captain as a senior in 2008 and was named to various All-State, All-Metro and All-Conference teams based on his play as he helped clear the way for an offense which rushed for nearly 3,000 yards on the year … Earned 2nd-Team All-Conference honors after a solid junior season in 2007 and was an honorable-mention All-Conference performer as a sophomore in 2006 … Is an avid weightlifter who holds all of his school's records, and has a combined squat, bench and power clean total of 1,275 pounds … High school coach – Doug Taylor … Parents – John Meiners & Kathy Kulig … Interested in studying business administration at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as weight training, nutrition and sports … Chose Mizzou over Kansas, Kansas State, Notre Dame and Wake Forest, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Cornell Ford.

## :: T.J. MOE

**Fr., DB, 6-0, 190, O'Fallon, Mo. (Fort Zumwalt West HS)**

Outstanding athlete who was a standout quarterback at Fort Zumwalt West High School … Could move over to the defensive side of the ball, where he projects as a safety … Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 32 athlete in the nation, and is listed as the No. 5 overall prospect (any position) in the state of Missouri as well … Scout.com lists him as the nation's No. 50 prospect at the safety position … Named the Missouri ESPN Rise Gatorade football player of the year as a senior, when he amassed 2,557 passing yards (31 touchdowns) and added a whopping 2,029 rushing yards (30 touchdowns) … Other honors he took home in 2008 included Old Spice Player of the Year, St. Louis Metro Offensive Player of the Year, 1st-Team All-State as both a quarterback and an all-purpose back, as well as being the Gateway Athletic Conference Player of the Year … Had 1 interception and 2 fumble recoveries playing defense in 2008 … As a junior, was named 1st-Team All-State again as both a quarterback and all-purpose back, as he had 2,326 passing yards with 17 touchdowns, and added 1,497 rushing yards and 25 touchdowns … Was a 1st-Team All-District wide receiver as a sophomore, catching 50 passes for 380 yards and 2 touchdowns, while also throwing for 501 yards and 5 touchdowns and rushing for 348 yards and 3 more scores … An outstanding overall athlete who also lettered 3 years in basketball for his school … High school coach – Paul Day … Parents – David & Becky Moe … A 4.0 student who is very involved in his church, and has participated in mission trips to Mexico and Kentucky … Interested in studying information technology at Mizzou … Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, Kansas, Wake Forest, Louisville, Iowa and Indiana, among others … Listed the Tiger coaching staff, plus the allure of playing for his homestate school as primary draws to Mizzou … MU primary recruiting coach – Cornell Ford.

## :: TY PHILLIPS

**Fr., DL, 6-3, 250, East St. Louis, Ill. (East St. Louis HS)**

Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 20 overall prospect (any position) out of the state of Illinois, and also as the nation's No. 74-rated defensive tackle prospect … Had a big senior season at East St. Louis High school that earned him recruiting attention, as he collected 108 tackles and 17 quarterback sacks and 1 interception while splitting time at both defensive end and tackle in 2008 … Won All-State honors for his play in 2008, as his team rolled to a 13-1 record and claimed a state championship … Was selected to play in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl all-star game in January, played in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where Scout.com said he was the most impressive player on the West squad, saying he had a constant motor with excellent technique … Spent his first three years of high school at Belleville East, but transferred to East St. Louis prior to his senior year, after his family moved … Was a three-year starter on the gridiron at Belleville East, earning 1st-Team All-Conference honors as a junior and 2nd-Team All-Conference honors as both a sophomore and freshman … High school coach – Darren Sunkett … Parents – Adrian Simmons & Sandra Phillips … Interested in studying medicine at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as football, basketball and baseball … Chose Mizzou over Illinois, Nebraska and Kansas State, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Cornell Ford.

## :: SHELDON RICHARDSON

**Fr., TE, 6-4, 275, St. Louis, Mo. (Gateway HS)**

One of the most highly-coveted athletes to come out of the state of Missouri in a while who could star on either side of the ball at the collegiate level … An incredible athlete, especially for his size, he was a dominant defensive lineman and tight end in high school, and at 6-foot-4 and 275 pounds, even returned some kicks … Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 4 overall player (any position) in the nation, as well as being the No. 1 defensive tackle prospect in the country, while checking in as the No. 1 overall player (any position) in the state of Missouri, with a five-star rating … Scout.com lists him as the nation's No. 1 defensive tackle prospect, as well as the nation's No. 15 overall player (any position) … Played in the prestigious U.S. Army All-American Game in San Antonio, Texas, where he made big impressions with his play in practice and the game, where he had a sack, a hurry and a tackle for loss as a defensive tackle … Recently named as a 2008 EA Sports 1st-Team All-American … Had 88 tackles and 19 sacks in 2008, while adding 7 fumble recoveries, 5 forced fumbles and 1 interception … Scored 6 defensive touchdowns on the year, as well, while adding 27 receptions for 541 yards and 8 touchdowns at the tight end position … Lettered in basketball and baseball as well as participating in track … High school coach – Melvin Walls … Parents – Michael & Zelda Richardson … Interested in studying criminal justice at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as working out and X-Box 360 … Chose Mizzou over a slew of nationally-prominent programs, just a few of which include Miami, Fla., Oklahoma, Florida, USC, Tennessee, Iowa, Kansas State and Minnesota … MU primary recruiting coach – Cornell Ford.

## :: MICHAEL SAM

**Fr., DL, 6-3, 230, Hitchcock, Texas (Hitchcock HS)**

A great addition to the Tiger recruiting class who gives MU outstanding athleticism and football IQ, who projects at several different positions … ESPN.com ranks him as the No. 75 overall defensive end prospect in the country … ESPN.com calls him a good football player who is heady and is very good at using his hands and keeping separation, and is someone who has a good motor and is a solid tackler … Won 1st-Team All-District honors as a senior in 2008 as a defensive end, and also as an offensive lineman, and he was also named All-Houston metro as a defensive end … Helped lead his team to a 7-3 record in 2008, and to the 2A state playoffs, where they reached the second round before being ousted … Was a 1st-Team All-District pick as a junior on both lines, as well, and took home 1st-Team All-District defensive line honors as a sophomore and freshman, additionally … Also lettered in the sports of track and powerlifting, in addition to his football exploits … Has qualified for state powerlifting championships in the past … High school coach – Gary Carney … Parents – Michael & JoAnn Sam … Interested in studying sports medicine at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as fishing, hunting, pursuits that help him to enjoy life … Chose Mizzou over Arizona State, Colorado State, Houston and Iowa State, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Craig Kuligowski.

## :: JASPER SIMMONS

**Jr., DB, 6-1, 205, Pensacola, Fla. (Washington HS/Hutchinson Community College)**

An athletic, physical safety who was a two-year starter at safety for Hutchinson Community College who can challenge for playing time immediately at Mizzou, but who will have three years to play two if desired … Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 51 junior college prospect (any position) in the nation … ESPN.com says that he has good instincts and a knack for getting himself into the right place at the right time and that he does a good job of keying and diagnosing plays … Had 86 tackles and 18 pass break ups as a sophomore at Hutch, and earned 1st-Team All-Conference honors as a result as he helped the Blue Dragons reach the playoffs after winning just 2 games his first year … Served as a team captain in 2008, and also returned a kick 91 yards for a score, while catching a touchdown pass of over 40 yards, as well … Averaged over 33 yards per kickoff return … As a true freshman in 2007, had 62 tackles, 8 pass break ups and 1 interception while he also blocked 2 kicks on special teams units … In high school, was a team captain as a senior and earned 3rd-Team All-State and 1st-Team All-Area honors as a safety, as he amassed 123 tackles, 4 interceptions and 2 quarterback sacks … Junior college coach – Rion Rhoades … Was a three-sport standout at Booker T. Washington High School, as he lettered in basketball and track in addition to his football days … High school coach – Chet Bergalowski … Parents – Terry & Katrina Simmons … Interested in studying in the College of Business at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as basketball and church activities and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes … Chose Mizzou over Oklahoma State, Arizona, Kansas State, Mississippi and Memphis, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Andy Hill.

## :: KERWIN STRICKER

**Fr., WR, 6-2, 195, Washington, Mo. (Washington HS)**

A big-play wideout with a good combination of size, speed and strength who has a big upside and room for growth due to his athleticism … Was an early commit to Mizzou, as he pledged to the Tigers in February of 2008, prior to the end of his junior year in school … Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 10 overall player (any position) in the state of Missouri, and as the nation's No. 89 wide receiver prospect … Scout.com lists him as the No. 75 wide receiver prospect in the country, as well … ESPN.com calls him physically ready to make the jump to the collegiate level, and that he is a strong bodied receiver who shows good concentration in traffic and can absorb the big hit over the middle while still tracking the ball … Was a 1st-Team All-District and All-Conference performer as a wide receiver each of his junior and senior seasons at Washington High School … As a senior, had 27 receptions for 670 yards and 10 touchdowns … Junior season stats included 25 catches for 520 yards and 10 touchdowns … Is a standout track and field athlete as well, as he won the state title in the 300-meter hurdles in 2008 and was 4th in the 110-meter hurdles in the same meet … Took 2nd in the 300-meter hurdles and 4th in the 110-meter hurdles as a sophomore, after placing 8th in the state long jump finals as a freshman … High school coach – Jeff Duncan … Parents – George & Lisa Stricker … Interested in studying Computer Science at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as sports, hanging out with friends and watching movies … Chose Mizzou over Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas and Kansas State, among others … MU primary recruiting coach – Cornell Ford.

## :: L'DAMIAN WASHINGTON

**Fr., WR, 6-4, 180, Shreveport, La. (Green Oaks HS)**

Rated by Rivals.com as the No. 51 overall prospect (any position) out of the state of Louisiana … Emerged late in his high school career on the recruiting scene … Won 1st-Team All-District honors as a senior in 2008 after he caught 53 passes for 1,064 yards and 12 touchdowns on offense, while grabbing 4 interceptions on defense as a team captain … Had one massive game where he caught 6 passes for 257 yards and 3 touchdowns, which earned him statewide player of the week honors … Was named the offensive MVP at the inaugural Sportsman's Paradise All-Star Game in Louisiana played in January … Took home All-District honors as a defensive back in 2007 as he grabbed 7 interceptions during his junior season … An outstanding all-around athlete who starred for Green Oaks in both basketball and track … Was District champion in the 200-meters as a junior … High school coach – Stephen Dennis … Has excelled despite having lost both of his parents … Is one of four boys in the family (he's the second youngest) who live together and take care of each other … Interested in studying pre-law at Mizzou … Lists hobbies as basketball, talking about football with his family and friends, and playing catch with his younger brother … Chose Mizzou over Nebraska, Minnesota, Louisiana Tech and Tulsa, among others … Says that the feel he developed with the Tiger coaches was a main draw, as well as the chance to play in Mizzou's prolific spread offensive attack … MU primary recruiting coach – Barry Odom.

## :: MATT WHITE

**Fr., DB, 6-0, 180, Keller, Texas (Keller HS)**

Versatile athlete who starred as a safety at the prep level, and who could play a number of positions in college … Won team MVP honors as a senior for his season that included 58 tackles and 7 interceptions … Also earned 2nd-Team All-State honors as a safety in Class 5A, and took home 1st-Team All-District honors on the field, while earning Academic All-State mention for his work in the classroom … Was a two-time team captain … Ended his prep career in style, as he made a season-high 10 tackles and grabbed 2 interceptions to help lead his team to a 21-13 win over Fossil Ridge, that sewed up a 7-3 season for Keller … Notched 46 tackles and 2 interceptions as a junior, while making 40 tackles and grabbing 2 interceptions as a sophomore during the 2006 season … Solid all-around athlete who has also lettered in basketball and track for his school … High school coach – Kevin Atkinson … Parents – Edward & Roslyn White … Outstanding student who is a member of the National Honor Society … Interested in studying in the College of Engineering at Mizzou … Lists playing video games as his primary hobby to relax … Chose Mizzou over California, Boston College, TCU and SMU, among others … Lists the facilities at Mizzou, as well as the general campus atmosphere, and the engineering school curriculum as major drawing points to MU … MU primary recruiting coach – Dave Steckel.

# COACHING STAFF

# GARY PINKEL

**Head Coach**
**9th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Akron, Ohio**
**Alma Mater: Kent State ('73)**

## PINKEL'S AWARDS

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| **2007** | FieldTurf National Coach of the Year |
| **2007** | Finalist for Robinson, Bryant and Munger Awards |
| **2007** | Big 12 Co-Coach of the Year |

In eight years at Missouri, Gary Pinkel has clearly put his mark on the Tigers football program. With back-to-back Big 12 North Championships and four bowls in five years (including two straight bowl winners), Gary Pinkel's vision for success at the University of Missouri has come to fruition, and is pointed toward a bright future.

Pinkel ranks third on Mizzou's all-time coaching wins list with a 59-41 record. He is in a select group of MU coaches that includes College Football Hall of Famers Don Faurot and Dan Devine, as well as Warren Powers, as the only coaches to have an MU record above .500 dating back to 1935.

Pinkel has guided Mizzou to five bowl games, joining Dan Devine and Warren Powers as the only coaches to do that, and after MU's thrilling 30-23 overtime Alamo Bowl win over Northwestern this past December, Pinkel is the first coach to lead the Tigers to bowl victories in consecutive seasons since Powers did the trick in 1981 and 1982.

Over the past six seasons, Pinkel has led Missouri to a 50-27 record (64.9%) and to bowl games in 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. Dating back to the 2005 Independence Bowl, Pinkel has won 31 of his last 42 games overall.

His four-straight bowl appearances ties an MU record, and if he can lead the Tigers back to the post-season in 2009, he would become the first coach in school history to earn five straight bowl berths.

With a school-record 12 wins in 2007 and 10 more in 2008, MU's two-year win total of 22 is third-most in the nation during that time, trailing only USC (23) and Oklahoma (23). The back-to-back 10-win seasons marked the first such occurrence in Mizzou history, and Pinkel has now directed two of the three double-digit win seasons in school annals.

The Tigers continued to break down barriers in 2008. Missouri picked up a resounding 52-17 win over Nebraska in Lincoln, its first road victory over the Huskers since 1978.

Missouri also maintained its dominance in the Big 12 North in 2008, going 4-1 against division opponents. The Tigers are 10-1 in their last 11 games against Big 12 North teams.

In 2007, Pinkel guided Mizzou to arguably the greatest season in school history. Among the achievements that year were winning a school-record 12 games, claiming MU's first New Year's Day bowl victory since 1966, getting the program's first-ever Big 12 North Division crown, and earning a No. 1 Associated Press national ranking for the first time since 1960 and coming up one win shy of playing for the national championship.

To simply list the highlights surrounding Pinkel's renaissance in Columbia would not do his body of work justice. After all, Mizzou's consecutive 10-win seasons have been the culmination of hard work and determination that began after his hiring on Nov. 30, 2000.

While Pinkel himself would say that it is still a work in progress, his program's numerous accomplishments can be highlighted, which helps to tell this story of football success in Mid-Missouri.

In achieving the program's first No. 1 national ranking since 1960, Missouri raced to a 5-0 start in 2007, including wins over a Rose Bowl bound Illinois team and perennial nemesis Nebraska. The Tigers averaged nearly 42 points per game in those five wins and only a late flurry of points by the Fighting Illini kept any of those games in doubt.

While eventual Big 12 Champion Oklahoma was the lone stumbling block for Pinkel's squad in 2007, the Tigers set numerous school records, including school marks for wins (12), points per game (39.9), total points (558) and total offense (6,864 yards). Most of the offensive records were broken again one year later, as the Tigers' potent spread attack upped those marks to 42.2 points per game, 591 total points in 2008.

For his outstanding achievements both on and off the field in 2007, Pinkel was a finalist for several national coach of the year awards, including the Robinson, Bryant and Munger awards. He also was named the National Coach of the Year by FieldTurf in 2007.

In winning a school-record 12 games in 2007, Mizzou clearly caught the attention of the national football community, as the Tigers began the season unranked but quickly darted up the charts with wins over bowl teams such as Illinois, Texas Tech and Colorado. And after the Tigers defeated arch rival and 2nd-ranked Kansas on Nov. 24, Mizzou stood atop the college football world, ranked number one

## TOP TEAMS

**Most Wins in the FBS – 2007-2008**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | USC | 23 |
| | Oklahoma | 23 |
| 3. | **MIZZOU** | **22** |
| | Boise State | 22 |
| | Florida | 22 |
| | Texas | 22 |
| | Utah | 22 |
| 8. | Georgia | 21 |
| | Ohio State | 21 |
| | Virginia Tech | 21 |

**Most Wins in the FBS – 2006-2008**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Florida | 35 |
| | Boise State | 35 |
| 3. | USC | 34 |
| | Oklahoma | 34 |
| 5. | Ohio State | 33 |
| 6. | Texas | 32 |
| 7. | LSU | 31 |
| | Virginia Tech | 31 |
| | West Virginia | 31 |
| 10. | **MIZZOU** | **30** |
| | Georgia | 30 |
| | Boston College | 30 |
| | Hawaii | 30 |
| | TCU | 30 |
| | Utah | 30 |

for the first and only time since 1960. Mizzou was featured on every college football television show after, and also graced the covers of prominent national sporting publications, including Sports Illustrated, The Sporting News and USA Today.

While the 2007 Tigers cashed in on the steady growth of the program over the previous six seasons, the Tigers also enjoyed an exciting 2006 campaign that saw them win eight regular-season games for just the 10th time in school history, and Missouri's appearance in the Brut Sun Bowl marked MU's third bowl game in four seasons - the first time in 25 years that Mizzou had reached three bowls in four years.

His success has led to an increased commitment to his program from the University, as Pinkel was awarded with a new seven-year contract in November 2008 that will keep him on the Tiger sidelines through the 2015 season. With winning seasons in 2003 (8-5), 2005 (7-5), 2006 (8-5), 2007 (12-2) and 2008 (10-4), Pinkel is the first MU coach to achieve five winning seasons since Warren Powers.

Pinkel and his program successfully built on the momentum created from a scintillating 38-31 win over South Carolina in the 2005 Independence Bowl that saw his Tigers overcome a 21-point deficit. The thrilling win marked the largest come-from-behind win in school history, and it gave Mizzou only its second bowl win in the previous 24 years.

In his 18 years as a head coach, his record is 132-78-3 overall. The win over Nebraska in 2005 was the 100th of his head coaching career.

After taking over a program that had fallen on hard times in 2001, Pinkel had increased success in each of his first three seasons, improving from four wins in 2001 to five wins in 2002, to the 2003 squad which went 8-5 and made the school's third bowl appearance since 1983.

Long considered a "sleeping giant" of a program, Mizzou had a memorable 2003 season under Pinkel's guidance, as he showed that Tiger Nation can indeed roar again.

The list of accomplishments turned in by the 2003 team was impressive: The eight regular-season wins marked the first time since 1980 – and only the 4th time since 1960 – that MU had amassed that many wins in the regular season. The team became only the 9th in MU's history to accomplish the feat...

MU went a perfect 6-0 at Faurot Field that season, with the win total marking a school record for one season at home. Mizzou had never won more than five games at Faurot, which opened

## PINKEL COACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **RECORD:** | 132-78-3 overall in 18 seasons<br>59-41 at Missouri in 8 seasons |
| **2001 – Present** | Head Coach – Missouri |
| **1991 – 2000** | Head Coach – Toledo |
| **1984 – 1990** | Offensive Coordinator – Washington |
| **1979 – 1983** | Receivers – Washington |
| **1977 – 1978** | Receivers – Bowling Green |
| **1976** | Tight Ends – Washington |
| **1975** | Graduate Assistant – Kent State |
| **1974** | Student Assistant – Kent State |

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## PINKEL COACHING RECORD

**RECORD:** 132-78-3 overall in 18 seasons (.627)

**At TOLEDO**

| 10 years | 73-37-3 | .646 | 53-23-3 | .689 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Year** | **Overall** | **Pct.** | **MAC (Place)** | **Pct.** |
| **1991** | 5-5-1 | .500 | 4-3-1 (T-3rd) | .563 |
| **1992** | 8-3 | .727 | 5-3 (T-3rd) | .625 |
| **1993** | 4-7 | .364 | 3-5 (T-7th) | .375 |
| **1994** | 6-4-1 | .591 | 4-3-1 (6th) | .563 |
| **1995** | 11-0-1 | .958 | 7-0-1 (1st) | .938 |
| | MAC Champs / Las Vegas Bowl Champs | | | |
| **1996** | 7-4 | .636 | 6-2 (T-2nd) | .750 |
| **1997** | 9-3 | .750 | 7-1 (1st/West) | .875 |
| | MAC West Champs | | | |
| **1998** | 7-5 | .583 | 6-2 (1st/West) | .750 |
| | MAC West Champs | | | |
| **1999** | 6-5 | .545 | 5-3 (T-2nd/West) | .625 |
| **2000** | 10-1 | .909 | 6-1 (1st/West) | .857 |

**At MISSOURI**

| 8 years | 59-41 | .590 | 32-32 | .500 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Year** | **Overall** | **Pct.** | **Big 12 (Place)** | **Pct.** |
| **2001** | 4-7 | .363 | 3-5 (5th) | .375 |
| **2002** | 5-7 | .417 | 2-6 (5th) | .250 |
| **2003** | 8-5 | .615 | 4-4 (3rd) | .500 |
| | Independence Bowl | | | |
| **2004** | 5-6 | .455 | 3-5 (3rd) | .375 |
| **2005** | 7-5 | .583 | 4-4 (2nd) | .500 |
| | Independence Bowl Champs | | | |
| **2006** | 8-5 | .615 | 4-4 (2nd) | .500 |
| | Sun Bowl | | | |
| **2007** | 12-2 | .875 | 7-1 (1st) | .875 |
| | Big 12 North Champs / Cotton Bowl Champs | | | |
| **2008** | 10-4 | .714 | 5-3 (1st) | .625 |
| | Big 12 North Champs / Alamo Bowl Champs | | | |

as Memorial Stadium in 1926. It also marked MU's first unblemished home season since the 1974 team went 5-0...

Mizzou's 41-24 win over #10 Nebraska on Oct. 11th was one for the history books, as it broke a 24-game losing streak to the Huskers for MU, making Pinkel the first Tiger coach to beat Nebraska since Warren Powers in 1978...

The Nebraska win also marked MU's first win over a top-10 opponent since 1981, breaking a string of 45 losses to top-10 foes for the school...

Mizzou led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 6th in the NCAA, in rushing, with an average of 237.46 yards per game. That marked the first time since 1960 that Mizzou has won a conference rushing team title.

The 31st head coach in the program's history, Pinkel was hired on Nov. 30, 2000, and in his short time on board, he has proven to his colleagues, alumni, fans and student-athletes that Tiger Football is on the upswing.

After a rebuilding year in 2001, Pinkel had Mizzou much improved in his 2nd campaign – and playing for bowl eligibility entering the Tigers' final game of the season. Tough losses to 3rd-ranked Oklahoma (on a late fourth quarter fake field goal), to 18th-ranked Colorado (in overtime) and a last-second loss at 22nd-ranked Iowa State were all that kept Mizzou out of a bowl game.

Pinkel opened the 2002 campaign by leading MU to one of the program's most impressive season-opening wins in recent history when Mizzou dismantled Illinois – the defending Big Ten Conference champions and a 2001 BCS Bowl team – 33-20 in St. Louis. He later defeated Mizzou's heated rival, the Kansas Jayhawks, as MU downed Kansas 36-12 to give him a 2-0 record vs. KU – making him only the third coach in school history to win his first two encounters against Kansas.

Pinkel came to Missouri after spending 10 very successful years as head coach at Toledo, where he amassed an impressive 73-37-3 record (65.9%).

The school's all-time winningest coach, Pinkel's last six teams there went a combined 50-18-1 overall. Three of those teams advanced to play in the post-season, capturing one Mid-American Conference championship and three MAC West Division titles. Three of his last five teams at Toledo were ranked in the nation's top 25. His 1995 squad went 11-0-1, and was one of just two schools (national champ Nebraska was the other) to finish the season without a loss.

## PINKEL PLAYING EXPERIENCE

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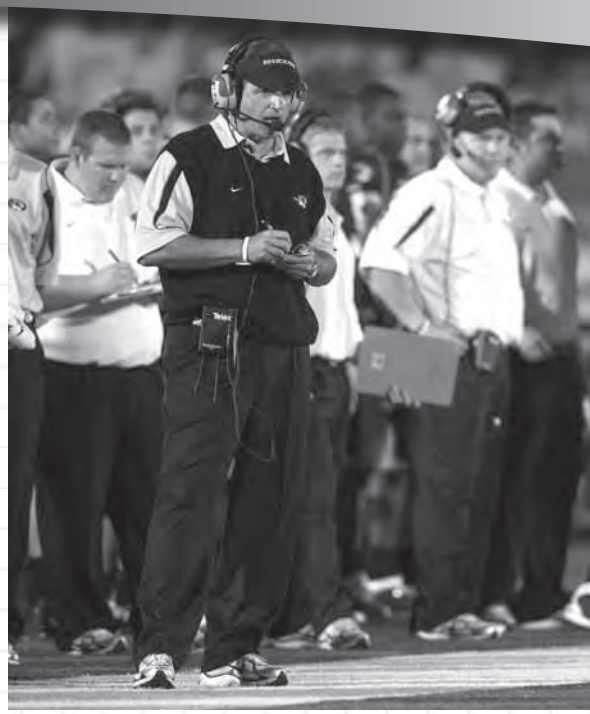
|---|---|
| **1971 – 1973** | Tight End – Kent State |
| **1973** | A.P. Honorable Mention All-American |



## PINKEL'S NFL DRAFT PICKS

| Year | Round | Pick | Overall | Tiger | Team |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2009 | 1 | 19 | 19 | Jeremy Maclin | Eagles |
| 2009 | 1 | 32 | 32 | Ziggy Hood | Steelers |
| 2009 | 2 | 23 | 55 | William Moore | Falcons |
| 2009 | 3 | 34 | 98 | Chase Coffman | Bengals |
| 2009 | 5 | 3 | 139 | Colin Brown | Chiefs |
| 2009 | 6 | 26 | 199 | Stryker Sulak | Raiders |
| 2008 | 4 | 6 | 105 | Will Franklin | Chiefs |
| 2008 | 4 | 12 | 111 | Martin Rucker | Browns |
| 2007 | 4 | 16 | 113 | Brian Smith | Jaguars |
| 2006 | 4 | 6 | 103 | Brad Smith | Jets |
| 2006 | 7 | 35 | 243 | Tony Palmer | Rams |
| 2005 | 3 | 25 | 89 | Atiyyah Ellison | Panthers |
| 2005 | 5 | 6 | 142 | Damien Nash | Titans |
| 2005 | 6 | 17 | 191 | C.J. Mosley | Vikings |
| 2003 | 5 | 8 | 143 | Justin Gage | Bears |
| 2003 | 6 | 41 | 214 | Keith Wright | Texans |

Pinkel was inducted into Toledo's athletic hall of fame in February 2009.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Pinkel learned the trade from one of the all-time great coaches, the legendary Don James. For 12 years as an assistant under James at Washington (1979-90), Pinkel helped guide the Huskies to a combined record of 104-37-2 (73.4%) and three Pac-10 Conference titles. He served as UW's offensive coordinator for seven seasons (1984-90), and helped mold one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks.

Pinkel played under James at Kent State University, where he was an All-Conference and honorable mention All-American tight end. He graduated in 1973.

Pinkel graduated from Kenmore High School in Akron, Ohio, and received his bachelor of science degree in education from Kent in 1973. He did post-graduate studies at Kent and Bowling Green, and in 1997 was inducted into the Kent Athletic Hall of Fame. Pinkel and his wife, Vicki, have a daughter, Erin, and sons Geoff and Blake.

# CORNELL FORD

**Cornerbacks**
**9th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Gary, Ind.**
**Alma Mater: Toledo ('91)**

Cornell Ford is in his 16th season as a valuable member of Coach Gary Pinkel's staff, including his ninth working with the Tiger secondary. Beginning with the 2004 season, Ford has coached the Tiger cornerbacks, after he focused on MU's outside safeties his first three years. Ford is also the Tigers' chief recruiter in St. Louis, where he has signed some of the very best players in the state.

Both of Ford's starting cornerbacks earned All-Big 12 mention in 2008, with senior Castine Bridges and sophomore Carl Gettis winning honorable mention all-league acclaim for their play on the Tigers' 10-4 squad.

Mizzou's cornerbacks turned in a solid 2007 season overall, and were a definite reason that the Tiger defense was one of the best in the Big 12 Conference. True freshman Carl Gettis blossomed under Ford's coaching, as he became a starter early in the year and eventually won 2nd-Team Freshman All-American honors for his play. Senior Darnell Terrell was invited to the NFL Combine in the off-season, and later signed a free-agent contract with the Cleveland Browns.

The Tiger secondary was instrumental in MU's defensive improvement in 2006, and Ford's cornerbacks were a big reason. Led by junior Darnell Terrell, who earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors from league coaches, the Tigers ranked 2nd in the Big 12 Conference, and 37th nationally, in pass defense, permitting 185.69 yards per game on average.

After losing Shirdonya Mitchell in 2004, Ford developed the cornerbacks into a dependable unit in 2005. Mizzou ended the 2005 regular season ranked 4th in the Big 12 in pass defense, allowing an average of 212.55 yards per game.

Senior Marcus King blossomed into a big-play performer for the Tiger secondary in 2005, as he led the team with a career-high 13 passes broken up. King earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors by both league coaches and media for his efforts, and he teamed with fellow senior A.J. Kincade.

Just about every one of Ford's cornerbacks had career years in 2004, and that performance was instrumental in Mizzou's substantial improvement in defense. Thanks in large part to his cornerbacks, Mizzou led the Big 12 Conference, and ranked 3rd nationally in pass defense in 2004, allowing an average of just 149.27 yards per game. His corners grabbed 8 of MU's 15 interceptions in 2004, which was a nice team improvement from a total of 9 in 2003 (including 3 from cornerbacks that year).

Senior Shirdonya Mitchell blossomed into a high-level cornerback in 2004 under Ford's direction, as he ranked 5th in the Big 12 Conference, and 33rd nationally, with his 4 interceptions. Mitchell earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors for his play, and signed a two-year free agent deal with the Miami Dolphins following the 2005 NFL Draft.

In addition to his coaching duties, Ford has worked hard to earn a reputation as one of the most well-trusted recruiters in his area of St. Louis. His hard work and straightforward approach has paid off recently, as he has successfully attracted stars such as Will Franklin, Jeremy Maclin and 2008 signees Blaine Gabbert and Wes Kemp to Mizzou. This past February, he landed Gateway Tech superstar Sheldon Richardson, who was one of the nation's top overall prospects for 2009.

Ford spent five seasons at Toledo coaching the wide receivers. Toledo graduate Mel Long pulled in 175 receptions in his four-year career, 21 of those for touchdowns. He also held the longest active streak in NCAA Division I for consecutive games with a reception. Under Ford, Long became Toledo's all-time leading receiver.

Prior to joining the Marietta staff, Ford served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Toledo. He helped with the offensive line in 1992 and the secondary in 1991.

Ford holds a bachelor's degree (1991) in physical education and a master's degree (1993) in sports administration from Toledo.

He and his wife, Dawn, are the parents of a son, Devin, and a daughter, Taylor.

## FORD'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

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| **Tauras Ferguson, OS** | Hon. Men. (2001) |
| **Shirdonya Mitchell, CB** | Hon. Men. (2004) |
| **Marcus King, CB** | Hon. Men. (2005) |
| **Darnell Terrell, CB** | Hon. Men. (2006) |
| **Carl Gettis, CB** | 2nd Team Fresh. All-Am. (2007)<br>Hon. Men. (2007, 2008) |
| **Castine Bridges, CB** | Hon. Men. (2008) |

## FORD COACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **Recruiting Areas:** | St. Louis, Illinois |
| **2004 – Present** | Cornerbacks – Missouri |
| **2001 – 2003** | Outside Safeties – Missouri |
| **1996 – 2000** | Receivers – Toledo |
| **1996** | Recruiting Coordinator – Toledo |
| **1993 – 1995** | QB/RB/WR – Marietta College |
| **1991 – 1992** | Graduate Assistant – Toledo |
| **1988 – 1990** | Freshman Coach – Maumee (OH) HS |

# JOSH HENSON

**Co-Offensive Line**
**1st Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Tuttle, Okla.**
**Alma Mater: Oklahoma State ('98)**

Josh Henson joined the Missouri football coaching staff in February as its newest assistant coach. The first new hire to join Gary Pinkel's staff since he came to Mizzou in 2001, Henson will serve as co-offensive line coach. A former standout offensive lineman at Oklahoma State, Henson spent the last four years as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at Louisiana State University, where he developed the reputation as being a tremendous on-field teacher of the game, while also leading the charge for LSU's recruiting efforts that ranked among the top 10 in the nation four times - including a 2009 class recently ranked as No. 2 in the nation according to Rivals.com.

Henson is no stranger to the Big 12 Conference, as he spent 10 years as a player and coach at Oklahoma State, prior to his most recent successful stint as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at LSU. He replaces former Tiger coach Dave Christensen, who was the first assistant to leave Pinkel's staff since coming to MU in 2001. Christensen was named the head coach at Wyoming this past December.

In 2007, Henson's coaching efforts helped LSU sophomore tight end Richard Dickson put together one of the most productive seasons at the position in school history. Dickson turned in the third-highest single-season reception total by a Tiger tight end in school history, and he capped the 2007 season by catching a pair of touchdown passes in LSU's 38-24 win over Ohio State in the 2008 BCS National Championship Game.

The Tiger tight ends played a key role as LSU's offense set a total of 10 school records in 2007, including points in a season and total yards in a season. Following the 2007 season, LSU tight end Keith Zinger was selected in the seventh round of the NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons.

As LSU's recruiting coordinator, Henson's abilities made an immediate impact on the Tiger roster as LSU had the nation's No. 2-ranked signing class in 2007 after a consensus top 6 national rating in 2006. For his efforts, Henson was ranked as one of college football's top 25 recruiters in 2006 and 2007 by Rivals.com.

At Oklahoma State, Henson was instrumental in the development of Billy Bajema, who was a three-year starter for the Cowboys. Bajema was picked in the seventh round of the 2004 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers.

Henson also played a vital role in OSU's offensive development as the Cowboys ranked among the top 15 scoring teams in the nation for three consecutive years. The Cowboys averaged over 34 points per game from 2002-04, which included 35.9 points per game in 2003 and 34.5 points a game in 2004.

As Oklahoma State's recruiting coordinator, Henson played a key role in OSU's 2003 signing class being ranked No. 15 in the nation by Rivals.com. A year earlier, Rivals.com rated the Cowboy class as the 26th-best in the country.

As a player, Henson was a four-year letterwinner with 40 career starts for Oklahoma State from 1993-97. He was a starter on the offensive line as well as team captain for Oklahoma State's 8-4 team in 1997, a squad that played in the Alamo Bowl against Purdue. He was a 2nd-Team All-Big 12 selection as a senior, in addition to being an honorable mention All-Big 12 pick as a junior. Off the field, Henson was named the recipient of the L.L. Boger Award as a senior, an honor that recognizes a student-athlete's achievement both on the field and in the classroom.

Henson graduated from Oklahoma State with a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1998. Upon graduation, he went straight into coaching, serving as a high school football coach in Kingfisher, Okla. In one season at Kingfisher, he helped guide the Yellowjackets to the state semifinals.

Henson returned to Oklahoma State as a graduate assistant in July of 1999, spending one year with the Cowboy offensive line before taking a full-time position with OSU as tight ends coach in 2001.

Henson, a native of Tuttle, Okla., and his wife, Shauna, have a 6-year old son, Will, and a 2-year old daughter, Kate. Henson lists golf, fishing and hunting as his hobbies in his spare time.

## HENSON COACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **Recruiting Areas:** | Oklahoma, Southeast US |
| **2009** | Co-Offensive Line – Missouri |
| **2005 – 2008** | Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator – LSU |
| **2001 – 2004** | Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator – Okla. St. |
| **1999** | Graduate Assistant – Okla. St. |
| **1998** | Assistant Coach – Kingfisher (Okla.) HS |

## HENSON PLAYING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **1993 – 1997** | Oklahoma State |

# ANDY HILL

**Receivers**
**14th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Trenton, Mo.**
**Alma Mater: Missouri ('85)**

Andy Hill has coached eight seasons under Gary Pinkel and 13 seasons overall at Missouri, making him the longest tenured coach on the Tiger football staff. Hill has coached the wide receivers since joining the Missouri staff in 1996, and in 2009, he will assume responsibilities for the Tiger tight ends for the first time, with his new title being that of receivers coach.

The 2008 season saw Hill develop sophomore Jeremy Maclin into arguably the most dynamic player in the nation. Maclin set an MU single-season record with 102 catches, 1,260 yards and 13 touchdowns receiving, and he also led the NCAA in all-purpose yardage, with his per-game average of 202.4 yards. The game-changer won consensus 1st-Team All-American honors for his play, as well as being named a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award, given annually to the nation's top receiver. Maclin chose to bypass his final two years of eligibility at Mizzou, and was taken with the 19th overall selection in the 2009 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Hill's group produced in record numbers during the Tigers' 10-4 season in 2008. As a team, Mizzou's passing attack shattered school records for receptions (404), receiving yards (4,625) and receiving touchdowns (41). Mizzou's passing attack ranked 4th in the NCAA in 2008, with a per-game average of 330.36 yards. In addition to Maclin's many exploits, another pupil of Hill's had a strong close to his Tiger career. Former walk-on Tommy Saunders developed into one of the Big 12's most underrated receiving threats, as he caught 72 passes for 833 yards and seven scores in 2008, and he ended his career ranked among MU's top-10 in both receptions and yardage.

Thanks in no small part to Hill's work, Mizzou's offense set records in 2007, as the passing attack ranked 9th in the NCAA, averaging 314.07 yards per game. Senior Will Franklin and freshman Jeremy Maclin earned all-league honors for their outstanding play, including Maclin, who was a consensus 1st-Team All-American for his exploits as both a receiver and return man, in addition to being named 1st-Team All-Big 12 and Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year. Franklin, who was selected in the fourth round of the 2008 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs, won honorable mention All-Big 12 honors, and ended his stellar Tiger career ranked in the school's top 10 for both receptions and receiving yards.

Under Hill's tutelage in 2006, the Tiger receiving corps was instrumental in helping Mizzou develop into a passing attack that ranked 10th in the country, averaging 276.15 yards per game. Four Tiger wideouts had 25 or more catches, including Franklin (48), Jared Perry (37), Brad Ekwerekwu (32) and Tommy Saunders (25).

Hill also doubles as a recruiter, primarily in the Kansas City and mid-Missouri areas, as has been responsible for landing such big names over the years as Martin Rucker, Chase Coffman, and Tony Temple, among numerous others. He was named by Rivals.com as one of the top-10 recruiters in the Big 12 Conference for 2007.

Previous to Missouri, Hill was the head football coach at Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College. Hutchinson went 18-6 under Hill, including a 10-2 record in 1995 when it won its first Conference title since 1969 and ranked ninth in the final NJCAA national poll. He was named the conference Coach of the Year.

Hill is a Mizzou grad who walked on the Tiger football team in 1980 and eventually earned a scholarship. He lettered in 1980, '81, '83 and '84 and played on Missouri teams that earned trips to the Liberty, Tangerine and Holiday Bowls.

Andy and his wife Sarah are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ryan, and son Andrew. Andy earned his bachelor of arts degree in economics from MU in 1985.

## HILL'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

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|---|---|
| **Kent Layman, WR** | Hon. Men. (1998) |
| **Justin Gage, WR** | Hon. Men. (2000)<br>1st Team (2001, 2002) |
| **Sean Coffey, WR** | Hon. Men. (2004, 2005) |
| **Will Franklin, WR** | Hon. Men. (2006, 2007) |
| **Jared Perry, WR** | Hon. Men. Fresh. All-American (2006) |
| **Jeremy Maclin, WR** | Consensus 1st Team All-American (2007,2008)<br>1st Team Freshman All-American (2007)<br>Big 12 Off. Fresh. of the Year (2007)<br>1st Team (2007, 2008)<br>Biletnikoff Finalist (2008) |
| **Tommy Saunders, WR** | Hon. Men. (2008) |

## HILL COACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **Recruiting Areas:** | Northwest Missouri, Kansas City, Denver, Kansas Junior Colleges |
| **2009** | Receivers – Missouri |
| **2001 – 2008** | Wide Receivers – Missouri |
| **2000** | Co-Off. Coord./Wide Receivers – Missouri |
| **1996 – 1999** | Wide Receivers – Missouri |
| **1994 – 1995** | Head Coach – Hutchinson CC |
| **1992 – 1993** | Assistant Coach – Hutchinson CC |
| **Spring 1992** | Volunteer Graduate Assistant – SMU |

## HILL PLAYING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **1980 – 1984** | Missouri |

# BRIAN JONES

**Running Backs**
**9th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Falmouth, Jamaica**
**Alma Mater: Connecticut ('80)**

Brian Jones has been a member of Gary Pinkel's coaching staff since 1992. After coaching wide receivers from 1992-94, he has guided an excellent running game for the last 14 seasons.

In 2008, Jones took a first-year starter, true sophomore Derrick Washington, and helped mold him into one of the Big 12 Conference's top running backs. Washington became only the eighth running back in Mizzou history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season, as he tallied 1,036 on 177 carries (5.9 avg.) in 2008. He added 17 rushing touchdowns in his first year as a starter, which was just one shy of the school single season record.

Of the eight Tiger running backs with 1,000-yard seasons, Jones has coached four of them in his time on the Mizzou sideline, including one each the last three years.

Jones helped develop Tony Temple into one of the top ball carriers in the Big 12 Conference in recent years, as the Kansas City, Mo., native ranked second in the league in rushing in 2006, with a career-high 1,063 yards and seven touchdowns, and followed with a 1,039-yard, 12-touchdown campaign in 2008, becoming the first running back in Mizzou history to claim multiple 1,000-yard seasons.

Temple closed his Tiger career in illustrious fashion, as he broke a 52-year old record by rushing for a Cotton Bowl-record 284 yards and four touchdowns in Mizzou's rout of Arkansas. The yardage total was also the second-most in the history of Division I-A bowl games.

With Mizzou's passing game getting most of the headlines, it's easy to overlook the fact that the Tigers also run the ball very well and very often. Mizzou ran for just under 2,500 yards in 2007 (2,467), and amassed 29 rushing touchdowns as well, providing a nice compliment to the air game. They followed with 2,153 yards and 28 rushing scores in 2008.

Despite their overall youth, and some injury problems throughout the year, Jones' group made steady progress in 2005, and contributed heavily to MU's rushing attack, which ranked 3rd in the Big 12 Conference, and 17th in the NCAA, averaging 205.25 yards per game. Mizzou's tailbacks combined to rush for more than 1,100 yards and tallied 8 TDs in 2005, averaging a healthy 5.6 yards per carry. In May 2006, Jones was one of only 25 coaches selected to participate in the prestigious NCAA Expert Coaches Academy.

Mizzou had one of the nation's most potent rushing attacks in 2003, as the Tigers pounded their way to 3,087 yards, good for a per-game average of 237.46 yards that ranked MU 1st in the Big 12 Conference and 6th in the NCAA statistics. It marked the first time since 1960 that MU won a conference rushing championship, when the Tigers led the old Big Eight with a mark of 249.3 yards per game.

Jones' workhorse from 2001-03 was tailback Zack Abron. Abron thrived under Jones' coaching and turned himself into one of the top backs in the Big 12 Conference. Abron rushed for a career-best 1,155 yards in 2003, making him only the 7th 1,000-yard rusher in MU history.

Jones went to Toledo from Lafayette College where he served as the wide receivers coach for one season. Prior to that, Jones served three years each as an assistant coach with the Massachusetts (1988-91) and Villanova (1984-87).

Jones was an offensive lineman at the University of Connecticut, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in marketing in 1980. He also holds a Master of Science degree in administration and physical education from Norwich (1983).

Jones was born in Jamaica and raised in New York City. He and his wife, Mary Kay, are the parents of sons Grant and Brandon, and daughter Audrey.

## JONES' ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

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|---|---|
| **Zack Abron, TB** | 3rd Team (2001)<br>Hon. Men. (2002)<br>2nd Team (2003) |
| **Tony Temple, TB** | Hon. Men. (2006, 2007) |
| **Derrick Washington, TB** | 2nd Team (2008) |

## JONES COACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **Recruiting Area:** | Houston |
| **2001 – Present** | Running Backs – Missouri |
| **1995 – 2000** | Running Backs – Toledo |
| **1992 – 1994** | Receivers – Toledo |
| **1991** | Receivers – Lafayette College |
| **1988 – 1991** | Receivers/OLB – Massachusetts |
| **1984 – 1987** | Outside Linebackers – Villanova |
| **1983 – 1984** | Offensive Line – Rensselear Poly Tech |

## JONES PLAYING EXPERIENCE

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| **1979** | Connecticut |

# CRAIG KULIGOWSKI

**Defensive Line**
**9th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Southgate, Mich.**
**Alma Mater: Toledo ('91)**

Craig Kuligowski is in his 18th season alongside Gary Pinkel, including his 14th season coaching the defensive line. One of the more underrated assistant coaches in the nation, Kuligowski has coached four Tigers to 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors, including one in each of the last two seasons – Lorenzo Williams in 2007, and Ziggy Hood in 2008.

Hood, and another star disciple, defensive end Stryker Sulak (who earned 2nd-Team All-Big 12 mention in both 2007 and 2008) were invited to participate in February's NFL Combine, and both were eventually taken in the 2009 NFL Draft, with Hood going in the first round with the 32nd overall pick by the defending Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers, with Sulak going in the 6th round to the Oakland Raiders. Sulak ended his career tied for second on Mizzou's quarterback sacks list, with 22.5, while Hood finished 10th with 15.5 for his career.

In 2007, Kuligowski coached all four of his starters on the Tiger defensive line to at least honorable mention All-Big 12 honors, including Lorenzo Williams, who claimed 1st-Team mention for his outstanding play.

The 2006 season also saw Kuligowski's pupils succeed, as he coached standout defensive ends Brian Smith, Xzavie Jackson and tackle Lorenzo Williams to All-Big 12 honors, with Smith earning 2nd-Team mention, while Jackson and Williams won their first-ever honorable mention acclaim.

Despite being hurt severely by injuries in 2006, the Tiger defensive line was a disruptive force early and often, as they amassed 28 of the overall 36 combined sacks on the season which were the second-most in school history (41 sacks in 1982 is the MU record).

Facing arguably the biggest rebuilding job at any position on the team in 2005, Kuligowski oversaw a defensive line that grew into a solid unit, despite losing three starters from 2004 to the NFL.

Kuligowski's line was a focal point for the Tiger defense in 2004, and a major reason for the overall improvement of the defense. Three of his pupils – tackles Atiyyah Ellison and C.J. Mosley, and end Brian Smith – earned various All-Big 12 honors for their play in 2004, with Ellison and Mosley pulling in 1st-Team distinction.

Two of Kuligowski's protégés were drafted as part of the 2005 NFL Draft, as tackles Atiyyah Ellison (3rd round) and C.J. Mosley (6th round) were picked by the Carolina Panthers and Minnesota Vikings, respectively. Later, defensive end Zach Ville signed a free agent deal with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Kuligowski's line has steadily improved against the run since he arrived in 2001. In 2006, Mizzou allowed 134.54 yards per game on the ground, which ranked 58th nationally. The 2004 Tiger outfit allowed 152.09 yards rushing per game, which ranked them 64th in the nation. In 2005, the numbers were virtually identical, with an average of 152.18 yards per game that ranked MU 63rd nationally. That followed a mark of 167.23 yards per game in 2003, which ranked them 72nd in NCAA statistics. That marked an improvement from a rank of 78th in 2002 (167.75 ypg) and 89th in 2001 (198.73).

Kuligowski was credited with building one of the top defensive lines in the MAC during his tenure at Toledo. In 2000, the Rockets were ranked fifth in the country in rushing defense, allowing just 81.5 yards per game and 2.46 yards per carry. They were ranked third in the country in scoring defense, third in total defense and No. 1 in turnover margin.

Kuligowski was a four-year standout at Toledo (1987-90) as an offensive tackle. He was named first team All-MAC two straight years and helped lead UT to the MAC title his senior year. He was an integral part of the 1990 offense that turned in totals of 135 rushing first downs, 2,474 rushing yards and 4,335 total yards, all top five marks in Toledo history.

Kuligowski earned a bachelor of business administration degree from Toledo in 1991. He and his wife Mary have two daughters: Peyton and Madeline, and one son: Max.

## KULIGOWSKI'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

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|---|---|
| **Keith Wright, DL** | 2nd Team (2001, 2002) |
| **Antwaun Bynum, DE** | Hon. Men. (2001), 3rd Team (2002) |
| **Atiyyah Ellison, DL** | 3rd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004) |
| **C.J. Mosley, DL** | 2nd Team (2003), 1st Team (2004) |
| **Brian Smith, DE** | Hon. Men. (2003, 2004)<br>2nd Team (2005, 2006)<br>Freshman All-American (2003) |
| **Xzavie Jackson, DE** | Hon. Men. (2006) |
| **Lorenzo Williams, DL** | Hon. Men. (2006), 1st Team (2007) |
| **Tommy Chavis, DE** | Hon. Men. (2007) |
| **Ziggy Hood, DL** | Hon. Men. (2007), 1st Team (2008) |
| **Stryker Sulak, DE** | 2nd Team (2007, 2008) |
| **Jaron Baston, DL** | Hon. Men. (2008) |

## KULIGOWSKI COACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **Recruiting Area:** | Southern Texas, San Antonio |
| **2001 – Present** | Defensive Line – Missouri |
| **1996 – 2000** | Defensive Line – Toledo |
| **1994 – 1995** | Tight Ends/Asst. Offensive Line – Toledo |
| **1993 – 1994** | Tight Ends – Toledo |
| **1992 – 1993** | Recruiting Coordinator – Toledo |

## KULIGOWSKI PLAYING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **1987 –1990** | Toledo |

# BARRY ODOM

**Safeties**
**7th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Maysville, Okla.**
**Alma Mater: Missouri ('99)**

In his seventh year on staff at Mizzou is former Tiger standout linebacker Barry Odom. After serving the previous six seasons in various administrative roles, the former high school head coach took the opportunity to get back into the coaching side in February, when he was named the Tigers' new safeties coach by Head Coach Gary Pinkel.

A valuable part of the football program's operations since 2003, Odom showed his versatility when he jumped into recruiting responsibilities this past December to fill the void when former Tiger assistant Dave Christensen left to become head coach at the University of Wyoming. Odom's hard work and personable nature helped secure the signings of in-state standouts Justin Britt, Mark Hill and Alex Sanders, as well as getting a late commitment from Louisiana's L'Damian Washington.

Odom made the jump to the collegiate ranks in 2002 after spending three seasons at the high school level, including a very successful two-year stint as head coach at Columbia's Rock Bridge High School.

The 2008 season was Odom's second as Director of Football Operations, after handling the duties of Director of Football Recruiting for the previous two seasons. Prior to the 2007 season, he added assistant athletic director to his title. Some of the many duties he performed in that role included overseeing the coordination of the team's travel plans, oversight of the football budget, handling compliance issues, scheduling of facilities, assisting with recruiting operations and managing the day-to-day overall operations for the football program.

Odom also coordinated all public relations activities and community service events that required the presence of football student-athletes, and oversaw all organizational aspects from a football perspective related to Mizzou's 2007 Cotton Bowl and 2008 Alamo Bowl trips.

He also served a key role as part of the design and planning team for MU's $16 million expansion and renovation project of the Mizzou Athletics Training Complex which is the state-of-the-art day-to-day home for the Tiger football program.

Odom, a native of Maysville, Okla. who graduated from Ada High School, was a four-year letterman at linebacker for Mizzou from 1996-99. He was a key player on MU squads that went to bowl games in 1997 and 1998, and he ended his career ranked 5th on the school's career tackles list, with 362 stops.

Odom graduated from MU in December of 1999, and served as a development intern for the Tiger Scholarship Fund, assisting with various fund raising projects for Tiger Athletics while earning his Master's in education from MU. He returned to his home state of Oklahoma in July of 2000 to serve as an assistant coach for Ada High School, which finished that season as runners-up for a state championship.

Odom returned to Columbia in the spring of 2001 as head coach of Rock Bridge High School, and he quickly built the Bruins into a power, as they went 6-4 and won a conference championship that fall. He followed with an 8-4 campaign in 2002 that saw Rock Bridge reach the semifinals of the state championship playoffs.

Born Nov. 26, 1976 in Lawton, Okla., Odom and his wife, Tritia, were married in July of 2000. Tritia is a native of Kahoka, Mo., and is a graduate of MU's College of Human Environmental Sciences. The couple has two sons – James Trump Odom and Garyt Robert.

## ODOM COACHING EXPERIENCE

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| **Recruiting Area:** | Central & Eastern Texas, California JCs |
| **2009** | Safeties – Missouri |
| **2007 – 2008** | Asst. AD/Director of Ftbl. Operations – Missouri |
| **2006** | Director of Football Operations – Missouri |
| **2004 – 2005** | Director of Football Recruiting – Missouri |
| **2003** | Administrative Assistant – Missouri |
| **2001 – 2002** | Head Coach – Rock Bridge HS (Columbia, Mo.) |
| **2000** | Assistant Coach – Ada (Okla.) HS |

## ODOM PLAYING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **1996 – 1999** | Missouri |

# DAVE STECKEL

**Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers**
**9th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Fullerton, Pa.**
**Alma Mater: Kutztown ('82)**

Dave Steckel is in his ninth season at Missouri as the Tigers' linebacker coach, and the 2009 campaign will be his first with the added duties of defensive coordinator – a position he was awarded by Head Coach Gary Pinkel in February following the departure of former coordinator Matt Eberflus to the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

Steckel has consistently produced results with his linebacking corps at Mizzou. He is also a highly-successful recruiter, primarily in the state of Texas. A passionate and enthusiastic teacher of the game of football, Steckel has mentored his linebackers over the years with positive results, as his protégés have won 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors three straight years, and four of the last five overall.

His group helped lead the Tiger defense in 2008, with junior Sean Weatherspoon commanding the lion's share of attention. "Spoon" turned in a very impressive season that saw him earn 1st-Team All-Big 12 acclaim, as well as 3rd-Team All-American honors. He was also named a finalist for the prestigious Butkus Award, and will likely begin the 2009 season on the short list for top national honors.

Weatherspoon was joined in the 100-tackle club in 2008 by senior Brock Christopher, who totaled a career-high 105 stops. Christopher won honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors for his play for a second straight year in 2008.

Steckel helped mold James Kinney into a prolific tackler, as he ended his Tiger career by breaking the MU career tackles record (434) . Kinney led MU in stops in 2004, with 112, making him the first player in school history to record three consecutive seasons of 100 or more tackles. He earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors for his efforts, and signed a free-agent deal with the Jacksonville Jaguars after the 2005 NFL Draft.

In his eight years at Mizzou, Steckel has had at least one of his linebackers earn all-league recognition each year, including two each in the 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007 and 2008 seasons.

The 2006 season featured stellar play from senior standouts Marcus Bacon and Dedrick Harrington. Bacon earned 1st-Team All-Big 12 acclaim for his play that featured a team-best 112 tackles. Harrington had his best season as a Tiger, as he totaled a career-high 100 stops.

One of MU's top recruiters, Steckel has helped land numerous all-stars for Mizzou, primarily out of the state of Texas. He was responsible for the successful recruitment of Chase Daniel, who was named the EA Sports National High School Player of the Year. Daniel lettered as a true freshman at MU in 2005 and just two years later was a Heisman Trophy finalist, finishing fourth in the 2007 Heisman voting. Steckel was able to attend the prestigious ceremony in New York City that December.

At Rutgers, Steckel coached two All-Conference defensive linemen from 1996-99, both of whom went on to play in the NFL. In 2000, Steckel moved to coach the linebackers. He served as one of Rutgers' chief recruiters, signing 14 players in his first three seasons.

Before Rutgers, Steckel coached the defensive line at Toledo from 1992-95. He was the defensive line coach during the 1995 undefeated season that went on to win the Las Vegas Bowl. Steckel helped coach a defensive unit that ranked No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference and 12th nationally.

Steckel served in the United States Marine Corps from 1975-78. He then went on to graduate from Kutztown State College and earned a master's from Miami (Ohio) in 1982.

He is married to the former Mary Beth Thomas of Floyd's Knob, Ind. They have one beautiful daughter named Amanda.

## STECKEL'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

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|---|---|
| **Sean Doyle, LB** | Hon. Men. (2001, 2002) |
| **Jamonte Robinson, LB** | 2nd Team (2001) |
| **James Kinney, LB** | Hon. Men. (2002) |
| | 2nd Team (2003) |
| | 1st Team (2004) |
| **Brandon Barnes, LB** | Hon. Men. (2003) |
| **Marcus Bacon, LB** | 1st Team (2006) |
| **Dedrick Harrington, LB** | Hon. Men. (2006) |
| **Brock Christopher, LB** | Hon. Men. (2007, 2008) |
| **Sean Weatherspoon, LB** | 1st Team (2007, 2008) |
| | Butkus Finalist (2008) |
| | 3rd Team All-American (2008) |

## STECKEL COACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **Recruiting Area:** | Dallas, Ft. Worth, Western Texas, California Junior Colleges |
| **2009** | Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers – Missouri |
| **2001 – 2008** | Linebackers – Missouri |
| **1999 – 2000** | Linebackers – Rutgers |
| **1996 – 1999** | Defensive Line – Rutgers |
| **1992 – 1996** | Defensive Line – Toledo |
| **1988 – 1992** | Linebackers/Special Teams – Lehigh |
| **1986 – 1988** | Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Coord. – Dickinson College |
| **1985 – 1986** | Graduate Assistant – Minnesota |
| **1984 – 1985** | Defensive Line – Ball State |
| **1983 – 1984** | Graduate Assistant – Miami (OH) |
| **1982** | Defensive Coordinator/Offensive Line – Governor Mifflin HS (Schillington, Pa.) |

# BRUCE WALKER

**Co-Offensive Line**
**9th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: East Wenatchee, Wash.**
**Alma Mater: Central Washington ('83)**

Bruce Walker makes a move in 2009 to serve as co-offensive line coach, a position he has assisted with for the past 13 seasons under Gary Pinkel, while also being in charge of the tight ends. He made a name for himself as one of the top tight ends coaches in the nation the past several years, as he helped develop Martin Rucker and Chase Coffman into two of the most accomplished players in the nation. Each won consensus 1st-Team All-American honors in 2007 (Rucker) and 2008 (Coffman), and Coffman capped his record-breaking career by winning the John Mackey Tight End Award, given annually to the nation's top player at that position. Coffman became the first Tiger in history to win a national individual honor that is specific to a position group.

Rucker culminated his outstanding Tiger career with an award-winning season in 2007, as he became MU's first All-American tight end since Kellen Winslow in 1978. Rucker caught an MU-record 84 passes in 2007 for 834 yards and 8 touchdowns, while also being a finalist for the John Mackey Tight End Award. Rucker was selected in the fourth round of the 2008 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

Coffman caught 90 passes for 987 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2008, despite missing two games due to injury, and he ended his career with school records of 247 receptions and 30 touchdowns, to go with the 2nd-most receiving yardage in MU history (2,659). He was a third-round NFL Draft pick in 2009 by the Cincinnati Bengals.

Each player won 1st-Team All-Big 12 honors in 2006 (Rucker from coaches, Coffman from media), and Coffman was a semi-finalist for the John Mackey Award. The duo combined to catch 111 passes for 1,149 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2006.

In 2005, Rucker earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors after leading MU with 47 catches for 567 yards and 1 TD, with his catches ranking 1st among Big 12 tight ends in 2005, and 2nd-most in MU single-season history for the position. Coffman tied Rucker with 47 catches for 503 yards and 4 TDs. Those numbers ranked at the time as the 3rd-best single-season performance in MU tight end history, and earned the rookie a spot on the Rivals.com Freshman All-American 1st-Team.

In 2004, the tight ends were instrumental in MU's passing attack, with the primary weapons being senior Victor Sesay and redshirt freshman Martin Rucker. The duo combined for 50 catches, 577 yards and 6 touchdowns on the season. Sesay signed a free agent contract following the 2005 NFL Draft with the Miami Dolphins.

In 2001, Missouri tight ends combined for 50 receptions, 484 yards and eight touchdowns. Dwayne Blakley went on to sign a free agent contract with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, and later played with the Atlanta Falcons, having started multiple games during the 2007 season.

Walker has successfully recruited some of the best high school players out of the state of Texas while at Mizzou. Walker signed highly-regarded All-State defensive end Brian Smith (Denton) in 2002 and All-State wide receiver Thomson Omboga (Grand Prairie) in 2001.

Smith went on to become Mizzou's all-time career quarterback sacks leader and was drafted by the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. Walker also inked safety Justin Garrett, who was a productive multi-year starter for the Tigers, and recently signed Jacquies Smith of Dallas.

Walker graduated from Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee, Wash., where he earned All-Mid Valley League honors at linebacker and center. He played two seasons at Yakima Valley College before Central Washington.

A 1983 graduate of CWU, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Walker was a two-year starter for the Wildcats at center. He earned a Master of Science degree in physical education in 1989.

Walker and wife, Sharryn, are the parents of Natalie and Maggie.

## WALKER'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

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|---|---|
| **Dwayne Blakley, TE** | Hon. Men. (2001) |
| **J.D. McCoy, TE** | Hon. Men. (2003) |
| **Martin Rucker, TE** | 2nd Team Freshman All-American (2004) |
| | Hon. Men. (2005) |
| | 1st Team (2006) |
| | Consensus 1st Team All-American (2007) |
| | 1st Team (2007) |
| **Chase Coffman, TE** | 1st Team Freshman All-American (2005) |
| | 1st Team (2006, 2008) |
| | 2nd Team (2007) |
| | Mackey Award Winner (2008) |
| | Consensus 1st Team All-American (2008) |

## WALKER COACHING EXPERIENCE

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| **Recruiting Area:** | Dallas, Northeast Texas |
| **2009** | Co-Offensive Line – Missouri |
| **2001 – 2008** | Tight Ends/Asst. Off. Line – Missouri |
| **1996 – 2000** | Tight Ends/Asst. Off. Line – Toledo |
| **1994 – 1995** | Offensive Coordinator – Central Washington |
| **1990 –1995** | Offensive Line – Central Washington |
| **1988 –1989** | Defensive Line – Central Washington |

## WALKER PLAYING EXPERIENCE

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|---|---|
| **1980 – 1981** | Central Washington |
| **1978 – 1979** | Yakima Valley College |

# DAVID YOST

**Offensive Coordinator**
**Quarterbacks**
**Placekickers**
**Recruiting Coordinator**
**9th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Carrollton, Ohio**
**Alma Mater: Kent State ('92)**

Assistant Coach David Yost has been with Head Coach Gary Pinkel for the past 13 seasons in a variety of capacities, and the 2009 campaign will be his ninth season at Mizzou playing a vital role in the success and development of the Tiger program. Pinkel's recruiting coordinator since 1997, Yost also serves as the Tigers' quarterbacks coach and placekickers coach at Mizzou.

He's added some very important duties to his plate in 2009, as he takes over as Mizzou's offensive coordinator. Yost was tabbed by Pinkel to take over that role in December of 2008.

Yost has been instrumental in the development of MU's renowned spread attack. The Tigers broke numerous offensive school records in 2008, thanks to the play of Yost's star pupil, quarterback Chase Daniel. In putting together only the third 10-win season in school history, the Tigers established records for points (591), points per game (42.2) and passing yards (4,625), just to name a few.

Yost has to be considered one of the top quarterback coaches in the nation, based on his work in helping develop Daniel, and his predecessor, Brad Smith. Daniel had an amazing three-year run as a starter come to a close in 2008, and he left holding virtually every major passing and total offense record on the books.

Yost has established himself as one of the best recruiting coordinators in the country, as evidenced by MU's recent classes, most of which were ranked among the nation's top 35 according to various outlets, including the 2008 class which was ranked 24th-best – MU's highest-ever ranked class. He has also been instrumental in helping attract some highly-touted student-athletes to Mizzou, most recently among those Blaine Gabbert from the St. Louis, Mo. area, who was rated as the nation's top-rated pro-style quarterback prospect.

He is also known for his work with former record-setting quarterback Brad Smith. Yost helped guide Smith through four magical seasons that saw him break an eye-popping 69 different Mizzou, Big 12 and NCAA game, season and career records. Under Yost's tutelage, Smith became the greatest run-pass dual threat QB in NCAA Division I-A history, as he is the only athlete to throw for 8,000 yards and rush for 4,000 yards in a career. In 2005 alone, Smith amassed 2,304 yards in the air and 1,301 more on the ground – making him the first player in NCAA D-IA history to reach the 2,000/1,000 mark twice in a career.

Also the position coach for placekickers, Yost oversaw the transformation of previously unheralded walk-on Jeff Wolfert into one of the best Cinderella stories in all of college football. Wolfert, who won the kicking job in fall camp just prior to the 2006 season, had kicked in just one high school game before coming to MU as a scholarship diver on the men's swim team. Wolfert was an all-conference diver in 2004-05, but spurned his diving scholarship to pursue his dream of kicking. After seeing no action as a walk-on in 2005, Wolfert emerged from the pack in camp and was simply amazing as he connected on an MU record 18 field goals (in 20 attempts) and was a perfect 45-of-45 on extra points to earn himself on the prestigious Lou Groza Award list of semifinalists.

Yost came to Toledo from Tiffin University, where he coordinated the offense along with coaching quarterbacks and receivers in 1995. During the 1994 season, he coached wide receivers.

A native of Carrollton, Ohio, Yost spent time coaching his former high school team after graduating from Kent State University. A graduate of Kent State, Yost earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education in 1992. He has done graduate work in educational psychology. He was married to the former Carrie Crossett, a former soccer student-athlete at Mizzou (and sister of former MU kicker Adam Crossett) in June of 2005, and the couple had their first child, daughter Kennedy Caroline, in December of 2006. Son, Keaton, was born in December 2008.

## YOST'S ALL-BIG 12 PERFORMERS

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|---|---|
| **Brad Hammerich, PK** | 3rd Team (2001) |
| **Brad Smith, QB** | Hon. Men. (2002, 2004, 2005)<br>3rd Team (2003) |
| **Brad Smith, All Purpose** | Hon. Men. (2002, 2003)<br>1st Team (2005) |
| **Mike Matheny, PK** | Hon. Men. (2002) |
| **Chase Daniel, QB** | 2nd Team (2006)<br>1st Team (2007)<br>2nd Team All-American (2007)<br>Heisman, O'Brien, Maxwell Finalist (2007)<br>Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year (2007)<br>Draddy, Manning, Wuerffel, Unitas Finalist (2008)<br>Hon. Men. All-American (2008)<br>Hon. Men. (2008) |
| **Jeff Wolfert, PK** | Hon. Men. (2006)<br>1st Team (2007, 2008)<br>Hon. Men. All-American (2007) |

## YOST COACHING EXPERIENCE

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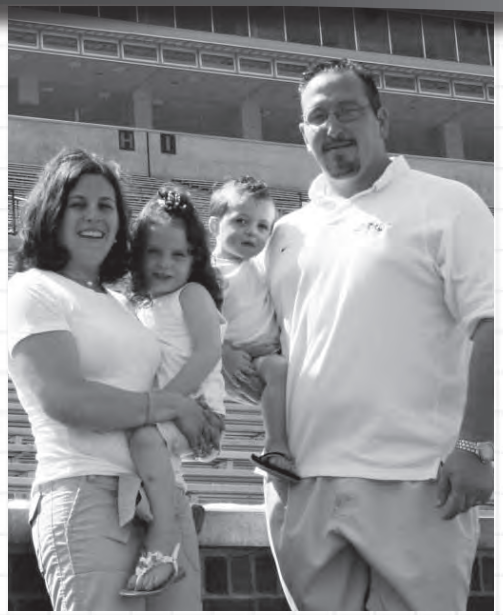
|---|---|
| **Recruiting Area:** | Southern Missouri |
| **2009** | Offensive Coord./Recruiting Coord./ Quarterbacks – Missouri |
| **2001 – 2008** | Recruiting Coord./Quarterbacks – Missouri |
| **1997 – 2000** | Recruiting Coord./Quarterbacks – Toledo |
| **1996** | Graduate Assistant – Toledo |
| **1995** | Offensive Coordinator –Tiffin |
| **1994** | Wide Receivers – Tiffin |

# NICK OTTERBACHER

**Director of Football Recruiting**
**6th Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Tampa, Fla.**
**Alma Mater: Toledo ('02)**



In his sixth year as part of the Tiger coaching staff – and third in his title of director of football recruiting – is Nick Otterbacher. He assumed those duties after serving as an offensive graduate assistant coach for the 2006 season, when he helped coach a Tiger offense that broke numerous school records and ranked eighth in the nation in total offense (425.62 yards per game).

In his current role, Otterbacher oversees organizational efforts of virtually all aspects of MU's extensive recruiting program operations, such as coordinating on-and-off campus visits, mailings and other logistical arrangements. Mizzou's 2008 recruiting class was ranked 24th-best in the nation according to Rivals.com, which marked the highest-ever ranking for a Tiger class of recruits. The 2009 class was another highly-regarding group of athletes that Otterbacher helped assemble for the program.

Otterbacher served as an offensive graduate assistant coach for the 2005 and 2006 seasons, after serving on staff as an administrative graduate assistant in 2004.

A native of Tampa, Fla., Otterbacher was a four-year starter at center for the University of Toledo, where he played under Tiger Head Coach Gary Pinkel through the 2000 season. In his four-year playing career, Otterbacher was part of Toledo teams that went a combined 34-13 from 1998-2001, and won or shared three Mid-American Athletic Conference championships, while playing in the Motor City Bowl in 2001.

After graduating from Toledo with a degree in business management in May of 2002, Otterbacher got his start in coaching at Duquesne University, where he served as the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach for the 2002 season which saw Duquesne post an 11-1 record and claim the Metro Atlantic Conference championship.

He then went to West Virginia Tech as an assistant coach, and was the offensive line coach and run game coordinator and recruiting coordinator for the 2003 season, prior to joining the Mizzou staff in July of 2004. He and his wife, Jessica, have a daughter, Reagan, and a son, Kaine Charles Cotton Otterbacher, who was delivered in Dallas, Texas, the week of MU's 2008 Cotton Bowl victory over Arkansas.

# DAN HOPKINS

**Director of Football Operations**
**3rd Year at Mizzou**

**Hometown: Harrisonville, Mo.**
**Alma Mater: Missouri ('04)**

Dan Hopkins, a 2004 University of Missouri graduate, was promoted in the off-season to the position of director of football operations, after spending the previous two years as the Tiger Football staff's administrative graduate assistant.

In his new role, which was vacated when Barry Odom moved into the coaching staff ranks as safeties coach, Hopkins will be involved in a wide variety of important administrative duties that involve the Tiger program.

Some of his many duties include overseeing the coordination of the team's travel plans, oversight of the football budget, handling compliance issues, scheduling of facilities, assisting with recruiting operations and managing the day-to-day overall operations for the football program.

Hopkins also coordinates all public relations activities and community service events that require the presence of football student-athletes.

The Harrisonville, Mo. native returned to Mizzou prior to the 2007 season as a graduate assistant, where he assisted the Tiger coaching staff with various recruiting administrative duties throughout the year, as well as lending a hand with scouting and game preparation efforts during the season.

A 2004 graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism, Hopkins served as a student assistant coach for the Mizzou Football team for the 2003 and 2004 seasons. Following his graduation, he served as quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at William Jewell College for two seasons, before moving to Central Missouri State University, where he was the defensive graduate assistant coach for the 2006 season.

Hopkins is currently pursuing his Master's degree in health education and promotion at Mizzou.

## :: BRANDON BARNES

**Offensive Graduate Assistant**
**2nd Year at Mizzou**
**Hometown: Sikeston, Mo.**
**Alma Mater: Missouri ('04)**

In his second year on the Tiger coaching staff, is former Mizzou standout linebacker Brandon Barnes. Barnes returned to his alma mater in June of 2008, and spent the 2008 season as defensive quality control graduate assistant.

In that role, Barnes was responsible for assisting with day-to-day operations of the defensive coaching staff, including video breakdown, scouting, computer and video informational input, as well as providing various assistance with recruiting operations.

Among his many duties as offensive graduate assistant coach, Barnes, who originally came to Mizzou as a wide receiver, will assist the Tiger offensive coaching staff with scouting, game planning and game preparation duties, in addition to various practice and game-day responsibilities, among other responsibilities.

The Sikeston, Mo. native won honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors as a senior for Mizzou in 2003, when he notched a career-best 117 tackles, adding 10 tackles for loss, one quarterback sack, two interceptions, three fumble recoveries and one forced fumble for Gary Pinkel's first winning season at MU. That squad went 8-5 and reached the 2003 Independence Bowl.

Barnes earned his undergraduate degree from Mizzou in interdisciplinary studies in May of 2004, and signed a free agent contract with the Baltimore Ravens of the National Football League following the 2004 NFL Draft. He played with the Ravens as part of their practice squad through week three of that season, and was then picked up by the Washington Redskins, where he played the rest of the season, primarily on special teams. Barnes was with the Redskins through September of 2005 before his playing days came to an end.

Barnes is married to the former Deon Hollis, a Kansas City native who is also a Mizzou graduate, and also was part of the Tiger Hostess group in her days at MU. The couple has a Terrier dog named Jada, who Barnes got from former teammate, the late Damien Nash.

## :: ATIBA BRADLEY

**Defensive Graduate Assistant**
**2nd Year at Mizzou**
**Hometown: Joplin, Mo.**
**Alma Mater: Missouri Southern ('06)**

In his second season on the Missouri coaching staff is defensive graduate assistant coach Atiba Bradley. The Joplin, Mo. native moves to the defensive side of the ball this year, after he spent the 2008 season as the staff's offensive quality control graduate assistant, where he helped the Tigers to a prolific offensive season that saw them break numerous school scoring and yardage records.

As the defensive graduate assistant, Bradley is responsible for the offensive scout team in preparation for each week's game, along with film breakdown and scouting reports for each of the Tigers' opponents, among other duties.

As the offensive quality control graduate assistant, Bradley, a 2006 graduate of Missouri Southern, was responsible for assisting with day-to-day operations of the defensive coaching staff, including video breakdown, scouting, computer and video informational input, as well as providing various assistance with recruiting operations.

Bradley came to Mizzou after spending his previous two seasons as a coach at his alma mater. He spent the 2006 season as a student assistant coach while finishing up his degree in general studies with an emphasis in mathematics. During that season, he coached the cornerbacks, and was hired for the 2007 season as an intern coach, working with the tight ends and offensive line.

During his playing days at Missouri Southern, Bradley was an all-conference linebacker each of his last two seasons, after initially coming there as a defensive lineman. He was an all-state performer as a prep offensive and defensive lineman at Joplin High School prior to that.

Bradley was married in June of 2008 to the former Jacquelyn Dukart, who is also a Joplin native. Jacquelyn earned her degree from Missouri Southern last December.

## :: JOE LEIBNER

**Administrative Graduate Assistant**
**2nd Year at Mizzou**
**Hometown: St. Charles, Mo.**
**Alma Mater: U.S. Sports Academy**

In his second season as part of the Missouri coaching staff – and first in his new role of administrative graduate assistant – is St. Charles, Mo. native Joe Leibner. In this position, Leibner assists the Tiger coaching staff with various recruiting administrative duties throughout the year, as well as lending a hand with scouting and game preparation efforts during the season.

A graduate of the United States Sports Academy, with a degree in sports management, Leibner joined the Mizzou staff in the fall of 2008 as a student assistant, where he helped along the way as the Tigers won a second-straight Big 12 Conference North Division championship.

Leibner played prep football for St. Charles High School, where he was an all-conference player as a cornerback and receiver. He helped St. Charles to district and conference championships for the first time in nearly 20 years, before he graduated in 2001. Following his days at the U.S. Sports Academy, Leibner got into the coaching ranks as an assistant coach at St. Charles, where he worked for the 2004, 2005 and 2006 seasons, coaching the receivers, cornerbacks and defensive ends.

After that stint, Leibner had a one-year stay as a student intern coach at Lindenwood University in St. Louis for the 2007 season. He assisted with coaching the defensive line and receivers while at Lindenwood.

Leibner was married in June of 2008 to the former Rachel Miller. He is currently pursuing a graduate degree in health education and promotion.

## :: TREVOR RUBLY

**Defensive Quality Control Graduate Assistant**
**2nd Year at Mizzou**
**Hometown: Redondo Beach, Calif.**
**Alma Mater: Central Missouri ('04)**

Part of the Mizzou coaching staff for his second year is defensive quality control graduate assistant Trevor Rubly. Rubly, a 2004 Central Missouri graduate, joined the staff in February of 2008 as a defensive graduate assistant coach after spending the previous three seasons as secondary and wide receiver coach at Cisco Junior College.

In his quality control role, Rubly will be responsible for assisting with day-to-day operations of the defensive coaching staff, including video breakdown, scouting, computer and video informational input, as well as providing various assistance with recruiting operations, among other duties.

As a two-year safety at Central Missouri, Rubly was part of Mule teams that went 20-4 overall and won the Mineral Bowl in 2001, followed by the school's first-ever playoff appearance during his senior season of 2002. Both teams were inducted into the school's athletic hall of fame. Rubly spent his first two collegiate years at American River College in Carmichael, Calif., where he won all-metro honors. He was an all-conference performer at Bella Vista High School, and was set to attend the University of Texas on a football scholarship before injuries forced him to go an alternate route in college.

Rubly is married to the former Casey Schwandt, whose father, Doug, is an assistant chief of police for the University of Missouri. Casey is also a 2004 Central Missouri graduate, and is an elementary school teacher in Columbia.

## :: MARCUS YOKELEY

**Offensive Quality Control Graduate Assistant**
**1st Year at Mizzou**
**Hometown: Marshall, Mo.**
**Alma Mater: Truman State( '06)**

Joining the Tiger coaching staff for his first year is Marshall, Mo. native Marcus Yokeley. Yokeley came on board prior to the start of Mizzou's 2009 spring camp, in the role of offensive quality control graduate assistant.

In this role, Yokeley, a 2006 graduate of Truman State University, is responsible for assisting with day-to-day operations of the offensive coaching staff, including video breakdown, scouting, computer and video informational input, as well as providing various assistance with recruiting operations.

Yokeley came to Mizzou after spending the last four years in various roles on the Lindenwood University football staff, including the last three seasons as an assistant coach, working as defensive backs coach and special teams coordinator. He began at Lindenwood as a graduate assistant coach in 2006, working with the outside linebackers. While at Lindenwood, he earned a masters' in education, with an emphasis on strength and conditioning.

During his playing days, Yokeley was a defensive back who earned honorable mention all-conference honors at the position at Truman State in 2004, and then served as team captain in both 2005 and 2006. In his prep days, he earned 1st-Team All-State defensive back honors in 2002 at Marshall High School.

Yokeley earned his undergraduate degree from Truman State in psychology. While working as part of the Tiger coaching staff, Yokeley is also currently pursuing his PhD at Mizzou in Health Education and Promotion.

# PAT IVEY

**Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Perfomance**
**11th Year at Mizzou**

In February 2007 Pat Ivey was named as the Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance for the University of Missouri after serving the previous three years as the Director of Strength and Conditioning. In this role he is responsible for the entire player development program for football, overseeing the development of Missouri's remaining varsity sports, as well as sports nutrition. Ivey has developed the Tiger Strength and Conditioning program into one of the nation's most highly-regarded operations.

Upon his arrival at The University of Missouri, Ivey went right to work to further establish and sustain an already successful program. With the goals of helping each individual athlete achieve their very best and ultimately assisting every team to win conference championships in mind, Ivey shares the vision of MU Athletic Director Mike Alden of helping The University of Missouri attain the United States Sports Academy Director's Cup. The Director's Cup is an annual award given to a school based on the achievements of the entire athletic department.

Prior to his arrival at Missouri, Ivey was the Director of Strength and Conditioning at The University of Tulsa for two years (2002-2004) where he directed the efforts of all 18 sports programs.

Ivey spent time as an Assistant Director, Graduate Assistant, and defensive end at the University of Missouri over the course of nine years. As the Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning from 2001-2002 Ivey assisted with every aspect of Tiger football player development.

Ivey lettered as a defensive end at Missouri from 1993-95. In 1995, he was the strongest athlete in the history of Missouri. Ivey was signed by the San Diego Chargers and spent two seasons

on their roster. Ivey then worked as a Graduate Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach at the University of Missouri while splitting time with both the Denver Broncos and the Green Bay Packers. While serving as a graduate assistant, Ivey worked with several sports including football, track and field, wrestling, and baseball.

Ivey received his undergraduate degree in 1996 in Hotel and Restaurant Management with an emphasis in nutrition and he completed his master's in health education in 2000. Ivey holds certifications from the National Strength and Conditioning Association, the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association as well as United States Weightlifting.

Ivey is married to the former Starla Green from Hannibal, Missouri and they have two daughters, Paisli and Serena.

# REX SHARP

**Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine**
**14th Year at Mizzou**

When Rex Sharp became Mizzou's head athletic trainer in 1996, he was following Fred Wappel, who spent 41 years tending to the injury needs of the Tigers on his way to a spot in the MU Athletics Hall of Fame.

Now Sharp is carving his own place in Missouri history as the man who directs the operation of the Dr. Glenn. L. McElroy, M.D. Sports Medicine Center – MU's primary treatment and rehabilitation facility. In his role as director, Sharp supervises a staff of five assistants and seven certified graduate assistant athletic trainers. He was given the title of Assistant Athletic Director in 2008.

The native of New Albany, Ind., spent 11 years on the staff at Ball State where he had primary athletic health care responsibilities for the football team, and coordinated the sports medicine efforts for BSU's 20-sport program. He supervised a staff of two fulltime assistants, a physical therapist and a number of graduate assistants and student trainers.

In addition to his duties as Director of Sports Medicine, Sharp is one of only 10 collegiate certified athletic trainers in the nation currently serving on the College and University Athletic Trainers' Committee. Additionally, in the spring of 2002, Sharp was selected as Chairman of the Big 12 Conference Medical Aspects of Sport Committee. Following the 2000 academic year, Sharp and his staff were recognized by the Big 12 Conference as the athletic health care "Staff of the Year."

A 1979 magna cum laude graduate of Ball State, Sharp was the 1978 recipient of the Robert H. Gunn Scholarship, presented to the nation's outstanding student athletic trainer by the National Athletic Trainers' Association, and was awarded the NATA post-graduate scholarship from the NFL in 1979. He earned a Master of Science degree in biology (exercise physiology) in 1983 from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich.

Sharp taught high school biology in New Albany from 1979-81, was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Michigan Tech from 1981-83, and was the head athletic trainer at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) from 1983-85.

Sharp and his wife Eileen have a daughter, Audrey, and twin sons, Adam and Jered. He was born April 29, 1957. In the summer of 2005, he was inducted into the Ball State University Athletic Training Hall of Fame.

# DON BARNES

**Director of Equiment Operations**
**10th Year at Mizzou**

Don Barnes enters his 10th season as director of equipment operations at the University of Missouri. Barnes arrived in Columbia after spending three years at Drake University in the same capacity.

Barnes' responsibilities include purchasing, repairing, transporting, maintaining, laundering and supervising the equipment operations of the entire athletic department. Barnes also has the job of overseeing the day-to day operation of the University's $2.9 million umbrella contract with Nike, and ensuring that all of the teams' needs are being met.

On football gameday, the equipment staff outfits more than 200 people on the field, on the sidelines and in the press-box. Not only do they watch that these people wear the right colors and looks, but they need to make sure that the Nike Logo is visible and that everyone is in compliance with NCAA, Nike and Mizzou regulations.

Barnes joined the Drake staff in 1997 after serving as equipment manager at Wisconsin-River Falls from 1995-97. He attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. In 2001, he received the National Service Award for his work on the Association's website – www.aema1.com, which he ran for 10 years. A certified equipment manager, Barnes is one of the six authors of the AEMA certification manual, which serves as the basis for the AEMA certification exam. Barnes serves on the Gearboss Advisory Board, the Powers Athletic Advisory Board, and is a founding member of the Big 12 equipment managers association.

Barnes has also worked during the summers for the Kansas City Chiefs, New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League.

Barnes and his wife of 16 years, Sherri (Vescio) are the proud parents of four wonderful children; daughter Bailey (13), son Nicholas (10), daughter Olivia (7), and daughter Isabella (7). In the off season Barnes tries to make it a point to spend every waking moment with his family and enjoys watching his children grow up.

## :: FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

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| **Dr. Mark Adams** | Asst. Team Physician |
| **Adam Borts** | Asst., Equipment Operations |
| **Keith Caton** | Asst.,Strength & Conditioning |
| **Vonda Cordes** | AdminAsst. for Asst. Coaches |
| **Marty Finn** | Director of Ticket Operations |
| **Antwan Floyd** | Asst.,Strength & Conditioning |
| **Andrew Grinch** | Director of Marketing & Promotions |
| **Casey Hairston** | Asst. Athletic Trainer |
| **Ann Hatcher** | Exec. Asst. to Gary Pinkel |
| **Jana Heitmeyer** | Director of Sports Nutrition |
| **Matt Inskeep** | Asst., Equipment Operations |
| **Dr. Jim Kinderknecht** | Team Physician |
| **Brent Lewis** | Assoc. Director of Ticket Operations |
| **Bryan Mann** | Asst.,Strength & Conditioning |
| **Kim Martin** | Director of Life Skills |
| **Jeff Melegrito** | Dining Hall Manager |
| **Chad Moller** | Asst. AD, Media Relations |
| **Josh Murray** | Asst., Media Relations |
| **Mike Ritta** | Director of Food Services |
| **Mike Schumacher** | Director of Video Services |
| **Dr. Joe Scogin** | Asst. AD, Academic Services |
| **Dr. Pat Smith** | Team Physician |
| **Josh Stoner** | Director of Strength & Conditioning |
| **Carol Weis** | Recruiting Asst. |
| **Adam Ybarra** | Graduate Asst., Athletic Trainer |

# BOARD OF CURATORS

**As of June 15, 2009**

**The mission of the four-campus University of Missouri System — a land-grant university and Missouri's only public research and doctoral-level institution — is to discover, disseminate, preserve and apply knowledge. The university facilitates lifelong-learning by its students and Missouri's citizens; fosters innovation to support economic development; and advances the health, cultural and social interests of the people of Missouri, the nation and the world.**

The University of Missouri, which refers to the institution, in all of its parts, persons, property and relationships wherever situated, owned, operated, controlled, managed or otherwise regulated, is under the supervision or direction of The Board of Curators of the University of Missouri.

The Board of Curators, the governing body of the University of Missouri, consists of nine members, who are appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; provided, that not more than one person shall be appointed from the same congressional district, and no person shall be appointed a curator who shall not be a citizen of the United States, and who shall not have been a resident of the state of Missouri two years prior to his appointment. Not more than five curators shall belong to any one political party.

**Bo Fraser**
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Marceline

**David S. Wasinger**
St. Louis

**Laura Confer**
Student Rep. — Missouri S&T

# GARY FORSEE

**President**
**2nd Year at Mizzou**

Gary D. Forsee became the 22nd president of the four-campus University of Missouri System Feb.18, 2008. He is the chief executive officer of the university with four campuses in Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla and St. Louis. The system's annual operating budget is approximately $959 million, with total revenues of $2.5 billion and an endowment of $1 billion.

In his first year as president, Forsee established a comprehensive set of performance objectives, surveyed Missourians on their attitudes of public higher education and focused on conveying the university's distinctive value to the state.

Prior to his appointment as university president, Forsee spent more than 36 years in the telecommunications industry. Most recently, he served as chairman and CEO of Sprint Nextel in Kansas City, Mo. He also served as CEO of Global One, a joint venture of Sprint, Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom; and in various leadership positions at AT&T and Southwestern Bell.

Forsee has received numerous honors, including the Henry Bloch Humanitarian Award, the American Red Cross Circle of Humanitarian Award, and Business Week's Best Manager Award in 2004 and 2005. He also was appointed chair of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee by President George W. Bush in 2006. He initiated and was the first chair of the Governor's Summit for Missouri-Kansas, which focused on economic development and key regional issues.

Forsee currently serves on the boards of Great Plains Energy, Inc. and Ingersoll Rand Corporation, and is a trustee of the Midwest Research Institute and the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art. In the past, he has been a member of the board for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., and served as national chairman for the March of Dimes.

Forsee received an honorary doctorate in engineering and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla, now Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., Forsee grew up and has worked in towns across the state. As a result, he also has lived in St. Louis, Springfield, Cape Girardeau, Hannibal, Charleston, St. Joseph, Joplin, Moberly and now Columbia, Mo.

Forsee and his wife, Sherry, have two daughters, Melanie Bell and Kara Forsee, D.V.M., both of whom are graduates of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

## :: HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Missouri has provided teaching, research and service to the people of Missouri since it was founded in 1839. The first publicly supported institution of higher education established in the Louisiana Territory, the University of Missouri was shaped in accordance with the ideals of Thomas Jefferson, an early proponent of public higher education.

Founded in Columbia, the University had one campus until 1870, when a school of mines and metallurgy was established in Rolla. In the same year an agricultural college was added in Columbia as the University assumed land-grant responsibilities.

In 1963 the University again expanded to better serve Missouri. In that year the University of Kansas City, which had been a private institution, was acquired by the University and a new campus was created in St. Louis, creating the present four campus system.

Today, the University of Missouri is one of the nation's largest higher education institutions, with more than 62,000 students on four campuses and an Extension program with activities in every county of the state. The mission of the University, as a land-grant university and Missouri's only public research and doctoral-level institution, is to discover, disseminate, preserve and apply knowledge.

A nine-member Board of Curators governs the University. Curators are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. The Board selects the president of the University. Each campus is headed by a chancellor, who reports to the president.

# DR. BRADY DEATON

**Chancellor**
**16th Year at Mizzou**

Chancellor Brady J. Deaton became the 21st chief executive officer of the University of Missouri-Columbia on October 4, 2004. With 15 years of service to MU and 33 years of experience in public higher education, Dr. Deaton brings an international perspective, a record of national leadership, and a strong devotion to Mizzou to his new position.

Dr. Deaton began his journey in higher education as a student at the University of Kentucky, where he graduated with a degree in agricultural economics in 1966. Growing up as the second of nine children of a hard-working farm family in Kentucky and furthered by his participation in 4-H, he developed a love of the land and a desire to study agriculture. His dedication deepened during a two-year tour as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nan, Thailand, from 1962-1964, where he taught vocational agriculture in the Thai language.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Dr. Deaton pursued a master of arts in diplomacy and international commerce at the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1968. He went on to the University of Wisconsin where he earned a master of science in 1970 and a doctorate in 1972 in agricultural economics.

Moving from the student to the faculty ranks, Dr. Deaton spent the next six years as an assistant and associate professor of agricultural economics and rural sociology at the University of Tennessee. During this time at Tennessee, he was appointed as staff director of the Special Task Force on Food for Peace for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. In 1978, Dr. Deaton took a professorship position at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the Department of Agricultural Economics, where he also served as coordinator of the rural development research and extension program.

Dr. Deaton spent 12 years at Virginia Tech, the last four as associate director of the Office for International Development. In March of 1989, he joined the University of Missouri-Columbia as professor and chair in the Agricultural Economics Department and as Social Science Unit leader. He transitioned from faculty to administration in December 1993, when he was appointed chief of staff in the Office of the Chancellor. He became deputy chancellor in 1997.

In January 1998, Dr. Deaton was appointed interim provost and was named to the permanent position in October of that year. His duties were expanded in 2001 when he also became the executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. A strong proponent of the University's role on the global stage, Dr. Deaton was instrumental as the sponsor of the Big 12 Provosts' delegation to the European Union.

Dr. Deaton holds leadership roles in many university, community and national organizations. He served as chair of the Academic Affairs Council of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) in 2004, participates in advisory roles with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and maintains active membership in the American and International Agricultural Economics Associations. He has authored over 100 articles, presentations and book chapters in his career in addition to co-authoring three books.

For his contributions to the University, Dr. Deaton has been the recipient of many honors. He has been awarded the Outstanding Commitment to Multiculturalism and Diversity certificate by the Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students, honored as an invited lecturer at the Japan International Agricultural Council and recognized by Gamma Sigma Delta with an Award of Merit for Outstanding Administrator, among many other honors, grants and fellowships.

Chancellor Deaton and his wife, Dr. Anne Deaton, are the parents of four grown children, Tony, Brady Jr., Christina and David.

# MIKE ALDEN

**Director of Athletics**
**12th Year at Mizzou**

Coming off the most successful season in school history, complete with Big 12 titles in Men's Basketball, Softball and Soccer and a second consecutive Big 12 North Division crown in Football, Mike Alden enters his 12th year as the Director of Athletics for the University of Missouri.

The 2008 NACDA Athletics Director of the Year has developed into one of the nation's most revered administrators. In 2009, Missouri became the first school in the history of the Big 12 Conference to compete in the title games for Football, Men's Basketball and Baseball in the same academic year and the Tigers' four Big 12 championships in 2008-09 were the most in school history.

The third-longest tenured Athletics Director in Mizzou history, Alden took over an athletics department that barely ranked among the Top 100 of Division I athletics programs and in 2009 saw Missouri achieve its highest end-of-season ranking in the Learfield Sports Director's Cup Standings.

Alden has incorporated three core values into the mission of intercollegiate athletics at Missouri. The mission statement of "Preparing Champions for Life through Academic Integrity, Social Responsibility and Competitive Excellence" has guided Missouri in becoming one of America's most well-regarded athletics programs.

Since his arrival, Mizzou has routinely led the Big 12 in graduation and Academic Progress Rates, while the overall health of MU's athletics programs is at an all-time high. The Tigers ranked as the nation's leader among BCS public institutions in Academic Progress Rate in 2008 and has consistently ranked in the Top 25 nationally. Mizzou has also led the Big 12 in Academic Progress Rates the past four years.

Socially, Missouri student-athletes have seen tremendous growth under Alden's tenure, from coach and student-athlete involvement with Big Brothers-Big Sisters and the Central Missouri Humane Society, to local children's hospitals and Habitat for Humanity. In addition, Mizzou Athletics is heavily involved in the United Way and prides itself on having 100% involvement from its department each fall.

The Tigers saw 15-of-20 sports qualify for postseason competition during the 2008-09 academic year, highlighted by Big 12 championships in football, basketball, softball and soccer. More than half of those teams (eight) finished in the Top 25 of their respective sports, the most in school history. In fact, Mizzou has enjoyed 57 Top 25 team finishes at NCAA Championships under Alden's watch (an average of 5.2 per year). Prior to his arrival, the most Top 25 finishes for Missouri in a single season was just three.

Alden's legacy will transcend his program's consistent success in the classroom, socially and in competition. Upon his appointment as Director of Athletics in 1998, Missouri faced an uncertain future as it entered the Big 12 Conference era. Competing with an annual budget of just $13.7 million at the time of his arrival, Alden has grown Missouri's operating fortunes to a record $50 million and has added state-of-the art facilities and amenities at nearly every venue in the Sports Park at Mizzou. Overall, Alden has helped lead a record $163.2 million facility resurgence for MU athletics since his arrival just 11 years ago.

Highly-regarded by his peers, Alden's success at Missouri has earned him national notoriety amongst the NCAA hierarchy and garnered him the Athletics Director of the Year Award for the Central Region presented by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics in 2008. A member of numerous NCAA committees, including the NCAA Management Council, Alden has helped to drive policy that has not only shaped the current landscape of intercollegiate athletics, but has paved the way for the future growth of college sports as a whole.

Alden and his family have also been heavily involved in the Columbia community, working with local figures to help improve the lives area residents through their involvement in the United Way (Board of Directors), Commerce Bank Board of Directors, Salvation Army, Central Missouri Food Bank and as the host of the 15th annual MDA Golf Classic in 2009.

Alden holds strong ties to central Missouri. His family tree has been rooted on his family farm in Williamsburg, Mo., some 30 miles east of Columbia. His mother lives in Williamsburg, while his brother Jack is a physician in Lamar, Mo. Several relatives reside in and around Columbia and Kansas City, including his nephew Michael who will be a freshman at Mizzou this fall. His uncle, Jack, was a pipefitter in the building of the Hearnes Center and his cousin, Todd, was a pipefitter in the construction of both Mizzou Arena and the Devine Pavilion.

Alden and his wife, Roxanne (Rockie), have a son, Jake (14) who will enter the ninth grade at West Junior High School in Columbia.

## ALDEN'S AWARDS

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| **2007 – 2008** | AstroTurf Central Region Athletics Director of the Year |

# MIZZOU FOOTBALL

**Kurtis Gregory**
Senior - Offensive Lineman
2nd Team All-Big 12

**Derrick Washington**
Junior - Tailback
2nd Team All-Big 12

**Sean Weatherspoon**
Senior - Linebacker
2nd Team All-American

**Jaron Baston**
Senior - Defensive Lineman
Hon. Men. All-Big 12

**Carl Gettis**
Junior - Defensive Back
Hon. Men. All-Big 12

## BIG 12 NORTH CHAMPIONS
2007 & 2008

# 2009 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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| SEPT. 5 | VS. ILLINOIS (ST. LOUIS) |
| SEPT. 12 | BOWLING GREEN (FAMILY WEEKEND/SALUTE TO AMERICA) |
| SEPT. 19 | FURMAN (BAND DAY) |
| SEPT. 25 | @ NEVADA |
| OCT. 8 | NEBRASKA |
| OCT. 17 | @ OKLAHOMA STATE |
| OCT. 24 | TEXAS (HOMECOMING) |
| OCT. 31 | @ COLORADO |
| NOV. 7 | BAYLOR |
| NOV. 14 | @ KANSAS STATE |
| NOV. 21 | IOWA STATE (BLACKOUT) |
| NOV. 28 | VS. KANSAS (KANSAS CITY) |